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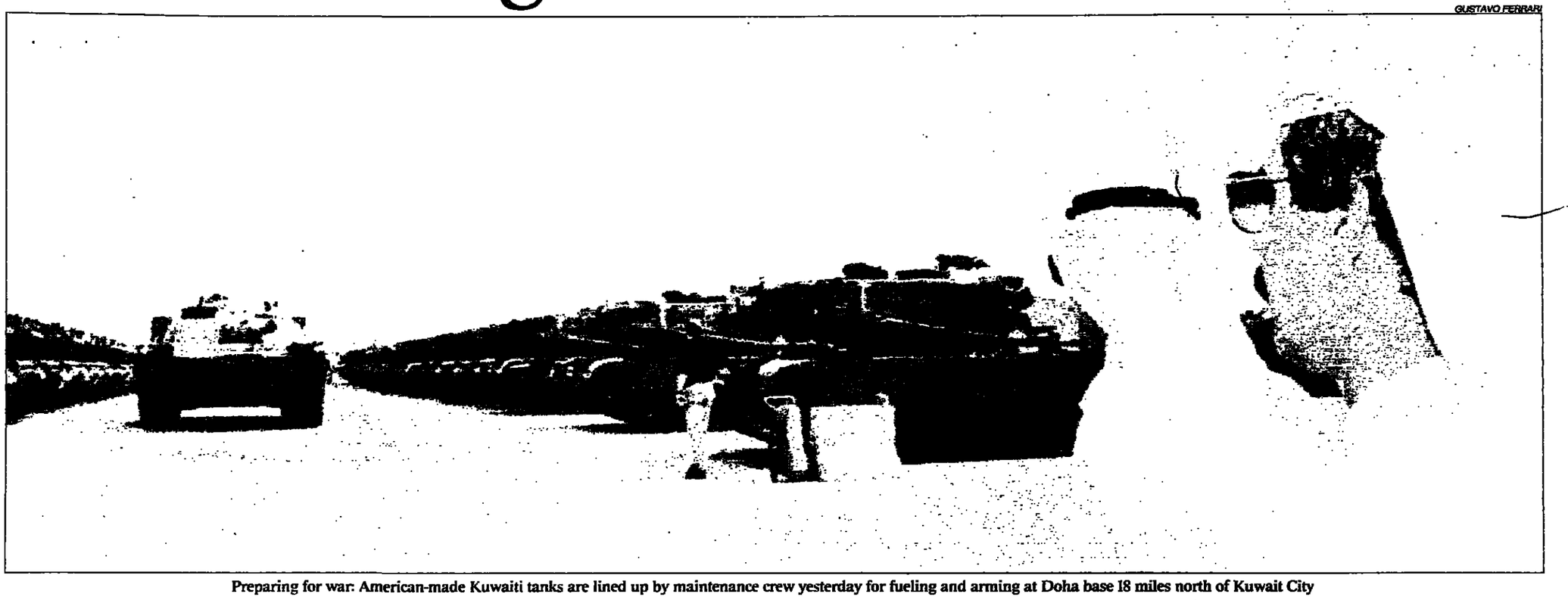
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US rushing forces out to the Gulf

GUSTAVO FERRARI



Preparing for war: American-made Kuwaiti tanks are lined up by maintenance crew yesterday for fueling and arming at Doha base 18 miles north of Kuwait City

'Grave error for Iraq to misjudge American power'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN KUWAIT

AMERICA raced to deploy a huge military force in the Gulf yesterday and gave a warning to Iraq that it would pay a "horrendous price" if it launched a second invasion of Kuwait.

The Clinton Administration ordered scores of combat aircraft, thousands of men and numerous warships carrying 200 Tomahawk cruise missiles to the Gulf region as President Saddam Hussein continued to mass Iraqi forces dangerously near the Kuwaiti border.

America's top defence and national security officials spent the weekend vainly trying to decipher Saddam's intentions, and President Clinton flew back early from Camp David last night for an urgent White House meeting. Mr Clinton declared that it would be "a grave error for Iraq to repeat the mistakes of the past, or to misjudge either American will or American power".

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said that Saddam now had more than 60,000 troops on the border, including two armoured divisions of the Republican Guard. He said that Iraq's military and its air defences had been put on full alert, as they were before the 1990 invasion, but doubted that Saddam would be ready to launch an attack before the week's end.

In Baghdad, the state-controlled media stepped up its campaign of vilification against the ruling Kuwaiti royal family described in the newspaper, *Babel*, published by President Saddam Hussein's son Uday, as an "evil gang" deliberately killing the Iraqi people. The media repeated earlier warnings that unspecified action would be taken unless the sanctions, imposed by the United Nations four years ago, were softened.

The situation has been complicated by the arrival of several thousand stateless *bidoon* Arabs on Saturday, who began pitching tents on the Iraqi side of the border, demanding the right to return to Kuwait, from where many were driven during the Gulf War.

Kuwaiti officials insist that most of those forced out were Iraqis who had concealed their nationality to benefit from welfare provisions. The authorities believe that the situation is being manipulated by Iraq to destabilise further the situation along the newly demarcated 150-mile border, which Baghdad refuses to recognise. Some Western diplomats fear that it might be a ploy to provide human cover for military action.



Perry: Formidable force ready to defend Kuwait

In London Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, called on the West to remain "very clear, very calm and very firm," and said that if the allies were united the present moment of difficulty and danger would pass. He gave Saddam a warning that if Iraqi troops crossed the border again, "he will have the full weight of the alliance against him".

The captain of a British frigate, *HMS Cornwall*, which arrived in Kuwaiti waters yesterday, said her missiles had been loaded and she was minutes away from action status.

In Kuwait, military countermeasures were intensified. It was announced that the National Guard had been deployed to protect the country's vital oil installations, and that Iraq's troop build-up had been placed under aerial surveillance.

Mr Perry said that a "formidable force" was being deployed from bases in America and Europe. However, US officials admitted that those forces alone could not turn back an invasion, but said that Baghdad would be devastated by Tomahawk missiles.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said that the Iraqis "would pay a horrendous price if they were foolish enough to miscalculate again" and urged Saddam "in the strongest terms not to subject his people to the kind of devastation that they'd be subjected to if he undertook that kind of action".

Mr Perry declared that the outcome would be "just as certain this time as it was the last time".

Mr Clinton received unqualified bipartisan support at home. Mr Christopher, speaking from Jerusalem at the start of a Middle East tour, said the Gulf War coalition was back together in "even stronger form". He said the UN Security Council, the Organisation of Islamic Conference, the Arab League, the Egyptians and the Syrians had all protested againstthe military build-up.

Mr Christopher is to visit Kuwait later this week to "provide a very strong expression of our resolve to stand with Kuwait in this uncertain situation".

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Mounted police in Bill protest battle

BY CATHERINE MILTON

RIOT police were involved in running battles with protesters last night as violence broke out at the end of a London demonstration against the Criminal Justice Bill. Officers with batons and riot shields charged repeatedly into a crowd on the edge of a rally in Hyde Park after being pelted with missiles including bottles and CS gas cannisters.

Eight officers were treated for the effects of gas, as well as two members of the crowd who were taken to hospital.

Mounted police were pelted with missiles again as they tried to disperse the remaining crowd up Park Lane. At least eight people were arrested.

The trouble began while most of the demonstrators were attending a rally in the park. Several hundred had gathered round two lorries carrying music systems near Cumberland Gate, where they were dancing and whistling. One lorry moved off peacefully, but fighting broke out when the police tried to move the other.

At one point the police were outnumbered by the protesters, but within minutes they were surrounded by officers in riot gear supported by mounted police. A stand-off developed for some time before police charged into the crowd to make arrests.

Stephen Park, for the police, said: "We attempted to isolate the sound system from the people, basically so that the sound system could move off and the people could go into the park. Because of the CS gas and all the missiles being thrown, we had to deploy officers in protective clothing." Scotland Yard said officers were attacked again last night, outside the Dorchester hotel in Park Lane.

An observer from Liberty, the civil rights organisation, said: "Police were trying to shove people into the park: that is why the trouble started. They had a very heavy-handed approach."

Protest organisers put the turnout at 100,000, although police estimated the number at 20,000. About 2,000 police officers were on duty.

The protesters are opposed to the Bill's curbs on defendants' right to silence, and of its provisions to prevent squatting, and disperse unofficial "rave" parties, festivals and gatherings of New Age Travellers.

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Austrians back Right

Austria's governing coalition suffered heavy losses in yesterday's elections as the right-wing populist party of Jorg Haider made its strongest showing yet, according to exit polls.

The Social Democrats and conservative People's Party, which have ruled for the past eight years, seemed likely to maintain their coalition but are set to lose their two-thirds majority in parliament for the first time since 1945.

Herr Haider's Freedom Party dominated the lacklustre campaign with folksy tirades against foreigners, corruption and party politics ..... Page 13

Asians found in lorry deported

An Irish lorry driver was being questioned yesterday after a police sniffer dog found 23 Asians in a lorry that arrived at Dover. Twenty-one of the men were later deported to Calais, where they will be dealt with by French officials.

Late equaliser

A goal two minutes from the end by Steven Howey saved Newcastle United's unbeaten Premiership record as they drew 1-1 with Blackburn. Alan Shearer scored from the penalty spot in the 58th minute..... Page 23

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A series of business confidence surveys will add to the mounting evidence that the economic recovery is slowing. The studies will raise doubts over last month's interest rate rise ..... Page 44

Senior Tories support cautious line on tax cuts

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR Cabinet ministers lined up to defend Kenneth Clarke's caution over tax cuts last night, as a wave of demands from the Tory right for immediate reductions in the Budget threatened to undermine efforts to maintain party unity at this week's conference in Bournemouth.

The Cabinet presented a united front — with Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, and John Redwood, the right-wing Welsh secretary, playing a prominent role — as deep Tory divisions over taxation and Europe resurfaced and hampered John Major's efforts to calm nerves after the success of Tony Blair at Blackpool. Mr Redwood even suggested that cuts in taxation could be delayed until late in the decade.

Ministers were struggling to regain the initiative after opinion polls suggested that Labour has moved ahead of the Conservatives on taxation, and a leading right-wing pressure group demanded a 2p cut in the basic rate next month and warned the Prime Minister that the Tory party was "not bruised but bleeding". At the same time, a senior backbencher told the Government that "the game is over" unless it reduces taxes to the level they were at before the last election.

The renewed Tory bickering came as party chiefs completed plans to try to raise morale this week. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is expected to announce that a green paper setting out options for an identity card will be published shortly, as ministers try to recover the Government's reputation for competence.

Harriet Harman, the shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will stage a press conference in Bournemouth today — shortly before Jeremy Hanley, the Tory chairman, holds a similar event to launch the party conference — to highlight Tory "broken promises" on tax and seven other tax rises in the pipeline.

While Sir Edward Heath suggested yesterday that there was no point in the Tories making further promises about taxation, Mr Heseltine refused to be committed on whether the Government could cut taxes before the next election. He said that Mr Clarke, the Chancellor, was constrained to reduce taxation only if he thought it was right for the economy. In an interview on BBC 1's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, the President of the Board of Trade indicated that the Tories still intended to rely on painting Labour as the high tax party.

"I happen to think that taxation will be an issue at the next election and the Tories will win on it," Mr Heseltine said. "I have no way of knowing how the Chancellor will take what decisions between now and then, but what I know is there is no way

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Morale sags as members slip away

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Tory party has lost two-thirds of its members in the nearly 20 years since Margaret Thatcher became party leader and it now has fewer qualified local agents than at any time since the late 1940s, according to a special investigation by *The Times*.

Constituency leaders have also been telling Conservative Central Office that they put the blame for the party's problems on the Government's performance and on an impression of greed and sleaze at the centre.

The inquiry highlights both the fall in membership and organisational weaknesses, particularly in the marginal seats which the Tories need to hold if they are to win the next general election. The findings underline the urgency of the drive for more members to be announced by Jeremy Hanley, the Tory chairman, at this week's conference.

The investigation for *The Times* has been carried out by Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, one of Britain's leading authorities on party organisation and finance, and has been supplemented by reports from key constituencies. It is based on information made available by Tory officials.

Among the key conclusions are that the Tory party now has probably fewer than 500,000 members, a sixth of the claimed peak 40 years ago, while the number of qualified agents is a low of only just over 200. Only five of the 13 most marginal Tory seats now have a professional agent.

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Wily dictator tests West's resolve

'Reckless' gambit sows doubts over next move

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

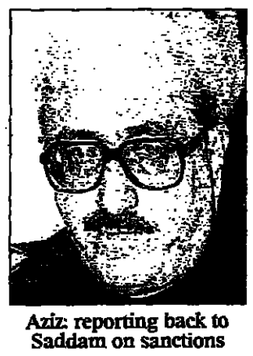
SADDAM'S TACTICS

AT FIRST glance, President Saddam Hussein appears to have made a colossal blunder. By moving troops to the Kuwaiti border on the eve of a report to the United Nations praising Baghdad's co-operation in setting up a monitoring regime of Iraqi weapons programmes, he has scuttled the chance of having sanctions lifted just as the Security Council is coming under increasing pressure to do so.

Canny, wily and manipulative, Saddam is not a man to act on impulse or to disregard the calculations of his enemies. His troop movements and the noisy demonstration on the Kuwaiti border by the stateless "bidoon" Arabs are clearly intended to provoke the very international crisis that has now blown up. Like a cunning chess player, his motives are not immediately clear: there are solid reasons, domestic and external, why he took action now. But the apparently irrational move has left many in the West and in the Gulf wrong-footed and guessing.

Frustration clearly played a part in Saddam's reasoning. The report today by Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN weapons inspection team, confirms that Iraq has broadly complied with all the UN demands on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction. But Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Nizar Hamdoun, Iraq's representative to the UN, have almost certainly reported to Baghdad their conviction that the West will probably never agree to a lifting of sanctions as long as Saddam remains in power.

The main aim of Baghdad, therefore, is to split the West and especially to show that it can no longer count on the support of the Arab and other members of the Gulf War alliance. Saddam may have calculated that the Clinton Administration might push for a new military strike but this would be resisted by most of the former allies as long as the Iraqis do not cross the Kuwaiti frontier.



Aziz: reporting back to Saddam on sanctions

Alternatively, he may have calculated that Washington, preoccupied by Haiti and Cuba, was unwilling to make a full-scale military response and risk a new war only weeks before mid-term congressional elections where the President's erratic foreign policy is coming under increasing attack. The West's disillusion with Kuwait's failure to promote democracy since the Gulf War may appear in Baghdad to be a solid reason why even the American public may balk at a new war.

At the same time the main Arab countries of the Gulf War coalition all have good reason now for caution. Saudi Arabia is facing the need for sharp budgetary retrenchment and is smarting from the attacks by dissidents and exiles on corruption and the royal family; Egypt is worried at the growing influence of Islamic extremists who scorn Egypt's military links with America; and Syria is deliberately resisting American and Western pressure for swifter concessions in its stalled peace talks with Israel, and would not now want to be seen siding again with the West.

Domestic pressures have also prompted Saddam to act. The Iraqi economy is now showing real signs of cracking under sanctions. Rations have again been reduced; draconian measures have been invoked to combat hoarding and profiteering, including the amputations of limbs for merchants convicted of economic crimes; discontent is rising and so desperate is the plight of many that they are ready to defy the government.

The recent street demonstrations in Mosul, previously considered a bastion of support for the ruling Sunni minority, threatened to alienate from the regime formerly loyal army officers, a third of whom come from Mosul. The circle of senior figures on whom Saddam can still rely is growing ever smaller. In such situations, the classic response to domestic discontent is to manufacture an external crisis.

The weakness of Saddam's calculations, however, is that his dictatorial regime allows no room for debate or questioning. And if he miscalculates, none of his advisers have the courage to challenge his judgment. He may well believe that he has now rebuilt his army to the point where it can again be perceived as a credible threat to the West. With few diplomats abroad, he does not have the ability to see how laughable this now seems to the outside world.

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Saddam: his apparently irrational manoeuvre has left the world guessing

Invasion scare tests 'two wars' doctrine

From Martin Fletcher
in Washington

US POLICY

WASHINGTON spends $28 billion a year on its intelligence agencies, but nobody in the American capital could say yesterday why President Saddam Hussein was building up his forces on the Kuwaiti border.

The US military nonetheless has responded with what William Perry, the Defence Secretary, called a formidable force of warplanes, warships and troops. That raises the question whether the Pentagon can continue to underwrite one of the Bush Administration's basic doctrines, subsequently taken over by the Clinton Administration: that the US military should be strong enough to fight two regional wars at once.

It is a year since Les Aspin, then Defence Secretary, published his defence review. That embraced the "two wars" doctrine, but argued that it could be achieved despite additional budget cuts and the closure of overseas bases through, among other measures, pre-positioning more weapons and equipment abroad.

The military never accepted that argument and now its validity could soon be tested. Some Republicans argue that another conflict with Iraq could expose serious weaknesses in armed forces that are severely overstretched as a result of the Clinton Administration's defence cuts.

Even the relatively small intervention in Haiti produced a spate of stories about the army lacking ammunition for training, and the air force having to mothball aircraft. The Republicans have made the need for a stronger military part of their mid-term election platform.

There are 20,000 American troops in Haiti being serviced by a cast of thousands in the Pentagon. American air power is being used to enforce United Nations resolutions in Bosnia. Above all, North Korea's army remains massed threateningly on its border with South Korea, which America is committed to defend. Could America fight in both Korea and the Gulf simultaneously?

Although few officials believe Saddam really intends to launch a second invasion of Kuwait, the Administration is taking no chances. Saddam has twice before launched wars, invading Iran in 1981 and Kuwait in 1990, and this latest threat had to be treated as deadly serious.

So far Mr Clinton has reacted firmly and decisively. He has backed up stern warnings to Saddam by swiftly sending thousands of troops, warships and warplanes to the Gulf.

If Saddam pulls back his forces, Mr Clinton doubtless will take some credit. If, on the other hand, Iraq decides to invade, Mr Clinton would almost certainly enjoy the same "rally-round-the-flag" support American presidents traditionally receive at times of crisis.

Hard line on oil ban led to Iraqi backlash

From James Bone in New York

IRAQ warned friendly governments in recent weeks that it intended to move its forces towards Kuwait and expel United Nations weapons inspectors if its latest push for an end to the crippling oil embargo ended in failure.

Diplomats said that Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, had made the Iraqi position clear in private conversations at the United Nations during a six-week mission to lobby for the lifting of the embargo.

The movement of troops coincided with the end of Mr Aziz's stay in New York on Friday, and pre-empted the UN Security Council's expected refusal next week to lift the oil sanctions in response to a positive report by the chief UN weapons inspector.

"The dog who barks does not bite," said one senior Middle East diplomat who knew of the Iraqi threats and passed them on to Western governments. He predicted Iraq would not invade Kuwait but was seeking international attention for its cause. Baghdad is trying to persuade the Security Council to lift the oil embargo imposed as part of a comprehensive trade ban after the invasion of Kuwait.

Iraq has been free for some time to make a limited oil sale of $1.6 billion (£1 billion) to buy humanitarian supplies, but has refused to do so because of strict conditions attached by the Security Council on the use of the proceeds and distribution of the goods purchased. The UN said oil

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should be sent not via the Gulf but through Turkish pipes where it can be monitored, and that 30 per cent of the proceeds should go to a compensation fund for Gulf War victims which would be monitored by UN staff.

The ceasefire terms spelt out in Security Council Resolution 687 make a clear and deliberate distinction between the conditions for the lifting of the ban on imports to Iraq and the removal of the bar on exports, predominantly oil.

According to paragraph 21 of the resolution, the ban on imports and related financial transactions will be lifted only "in the light of the policies and practices of the government of Iraq, including implementation of all relevant resolutions of the Security Council". But paragraph 22 sets a different standard for ending the prohibition on exports, the provisions usually described as the "oil embargo" because oil accounts for almost all of Iraq's exports.

The resolution stipulates that the oil embargo should remain in force until Iraq has co-operated with UN inspectors in eliminating weapons of mass destruction and allowing monitoring of defence industries, as well as agreeing to creation of a compensation fund for war victims.

The ban on imports of other goods into Iraq would remain until the world was satisfied by Iraq's behaviour in other respects, such as recognising Kuwait and ending repression of the Kurds and Shias.

Now, Britain and the United States are insisting that the oil embargo must remain in place until Iraq has satisfied all Security Council resolutions, not merely the provisions on weapons and compensation. They demand that, before the oil embargo is lifted, Iraq must recognise the sovereignty of Kuwait and the new UN-demarcated border, cooperate in efforts to repatriate missing Kuwaitis and recover plundered Kuwaiti property, and improve its human rights record.

Before the Iraqi troop movements, Russia was pressing for the Security Council to start an automatic six-month countdown to a lifting of the oil embargo, provided that the weapons monitoring system proved effective. France also supported Baghdad's efforts to get the embargo lifted.

But Britain and the United States refuse to make any decision. They insist the council wait until the monitoring system has been running for at least six months.

Their hard line has apparently convinced Saddam, beset by economic woes and possible discontent in his army, that he should abandon the conciliatory policy of recent months. His about-face has, however, undercut the pro-Iraq lobby on the Security Council and made lifting of oil sanctions more remote.

British frigate on standby

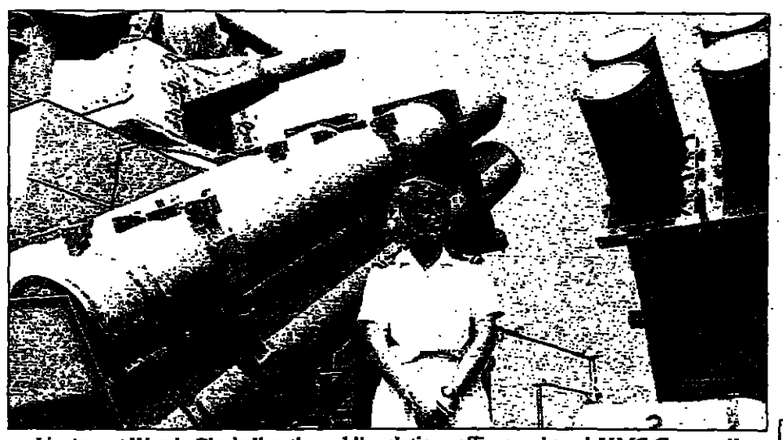
From Reuter on board
HMS Cornwall

THE captain of this British frigate, which arrived in Kuwaiti waters yesterday, said her missiles have been loaded and she was minutes away from action status.

"We have live missiles. Launchers are ready and everything is loaded," Captain Charles Freeman said. "We are five minutes from action status."

The United States, which spearheaded the allied campaign to oust Iraqi troops in 1991, and Britain have responded to the latest moves by President Saddam Hussein by sending large reinforcements to the region. "Saddam would be crazy to try anything. We are taking the situation very seriously," Captain Freeman said. "We are prepared for everything. They [the crew] are a bloody good team of 285 men and women." Asked if he expected Saddam to try to repeat his 1990 invasion, Captain Freeman replied: "I don't expect that, but I do know Saddam Hussein is unpredictable. We hope for the best and prepare for the worst."

The frigate sailed from the southern Gulf after a request from the Kuwaiti government. She is equipped with Harpoon anti-ship missiles, Seawolf anti-aircraft and anti-missile missiles and a Lynx helicopter armed with anti-ship missiles. The ship also has Stingray torpedoes.



Lieutenant Wendy Blackaller, the public relations officer on board *HMS Cornwall*

Secret radio station incites mutiny

By Michael Theodoulou

INSIDE IRAQ

IRAQ'S armed forces, on which President Saddam Hussein relies to stay in power, have been seriously weakened by dissent among officers and a collapse of morale in all ranks, according to allied intelligence sources in the Gulf.

The Iraqi dictator ordered the military manoeuvres near Kuwait to occupy his potentially mutinous army, Western officials in Kuwait said. The gravity of the threat facing Saddam was highlighted by the fact that dissident officers have set up an underground radio station called "The Iraqi Army Radio". It has told the armed forces to prepare for "the decisive battle" against the "filthiest of executioners".

Allied sources said the station was broadcasting from within Iraq and was not being run by the Iraqi opposition or army deserters as some Western press reports have said. "The radio station is very dangerous," one official said. "It shows the ability of disaffected officers to organise within Iraq. Saddam has seen the writing on the wall."

A recent broadcast said: "The criminal tyrant has been trying to make of Iraq's army an army for himself and his treasonous family instead of making it a protective wall for the people."

Key elements within the army, including normally loyal Sunni Muslim officers, are said to be losing confidence in Saddam. Last month he visited Mosul for an emergency morale-boosting tour. The northern city was previously a loyal stronghold, providing a third of the officer corps.

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Gulf War taught West to be alert

Allies already able to tackle Iraqis

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

AFTER Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, it took the United States, Britain, France and the 27 other coalition countries five months to build up a formidable force of about 750,000 soldiers.

Today the reinforcement contingency plans set in motion after the Gulf War were being put into practice to ensure that any aggressive action by President Saddam Hussein's forces would be met with immediate and maximum firepower.

There are sufficient aircraft and missiles in place to cause a devastating blow to the 64,000 Iraqi troops now overlooking the border into Kuwait. American satellites and coalition reconnaissance aircraft, including RAF Tornado GR1As, have been photographing the movements of Iraqi troops for the past week. A decision was taken at the highest level, however, to make no announcement until Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, appeared at the United Nations General Assembly last Friday to attack the West over sanctions.

American forces had already been put on alert. A first detachment of 4,000 soldiers from the 24th Mechanised Division, based at Fort Stewart in Georgia, will begin arriving in Kuwait today to take command of 44 M1A1 and M1A2 Abrams tanks, 44 Bradley armoured infantry fighting vehicles and eight artillery pieces that were pre-positioned in the emirate after the Gulf War.

The rest of the 24th Mechanised Division — 15,000 men — are ready to leave for Kuwait. Two extra Patriot aircraft anti-missile batteries, consisting of 12 launches, are also on the way.

The decision to move from alert status to rapid deployment came after satellite photographs showed that one of the Iraqi divisions sent to the Kuwaiti border was beginning to unpack its ammunition boxes. Although the other divisions were not following suit, it demonstrated to Washington that Saddam might seriously be contemplating another attack on Kuwait.

The most potent American forces in the area were immediately put on a war footing: the 2,000 US Marines on board four amphibious assault ships, led by *USS Tripoli*, were ordered up the Gulf and American nuclear submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles, in range of Baghdad, were made ready to strike at the first sign of hostile action by Iraqi forces.

The Iraqi leader's intentions caused some confusion in the Pentagon. Although the most serious threat was an Iraqi seizure of Kuwait's Rumaila oilfields, the forces were not structured to mount such an attack. Saddam had sent some logistical support units with the armoured and mechanised divisions, but insufficient to launch a full-scale attack.

To counter the build-up of 64,000 Iraqi troops, backed by up to 700 T72, T62 and T55 tanks, 900 armoured personnel carriers and several artillery regiments, the United States is relying on weapon power, as opposed to manpower. Although the 4,000 men of the 24th Mechanised Division will spread out across the Kuwaiti desert and the 2,000 Marines will protect Kuwait City, the main deterrent will be the 200 aircraft and the 250 or so Tomahawk cruise missiles that will be aimed at targets in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq.

Escorting the aircraft carrier *USS George Washington*, which was yesterday on route to the Red Sea from the Adriatic, are the *USS Leyte Gulf*, a cruiser with 122 Tomahawk cruise missiles, and *USS Hewitt*, a destroyer with 72 Tomahawks. Together with the submarines already in position, they pose the biggest threat to Saddam, since the missiles would be used to hit military facilities, many of which have been rebuilt since the Gulf War.

To back up the 200 aircraft already in the region, about 100 American aircraft in Saudi Arabia, and 57 F15Es, F16s, F111Fs and EF111s in Turkey, the US air force is sending an additional "composite wing" to Saudi Arabia. Each wing is a self-contained unit consisting of fighters, bombers and tankers. Another 16 vessels packed with vehicles and equipment are also on high alert for instant deployment to Kuwait. These form the US army's pre-positioned stockpile afloat; there is enough equipment for an armoured brigade and 30 days' supplies. The reserve equipment is held on board ships at Diego Garcia and Saipan.

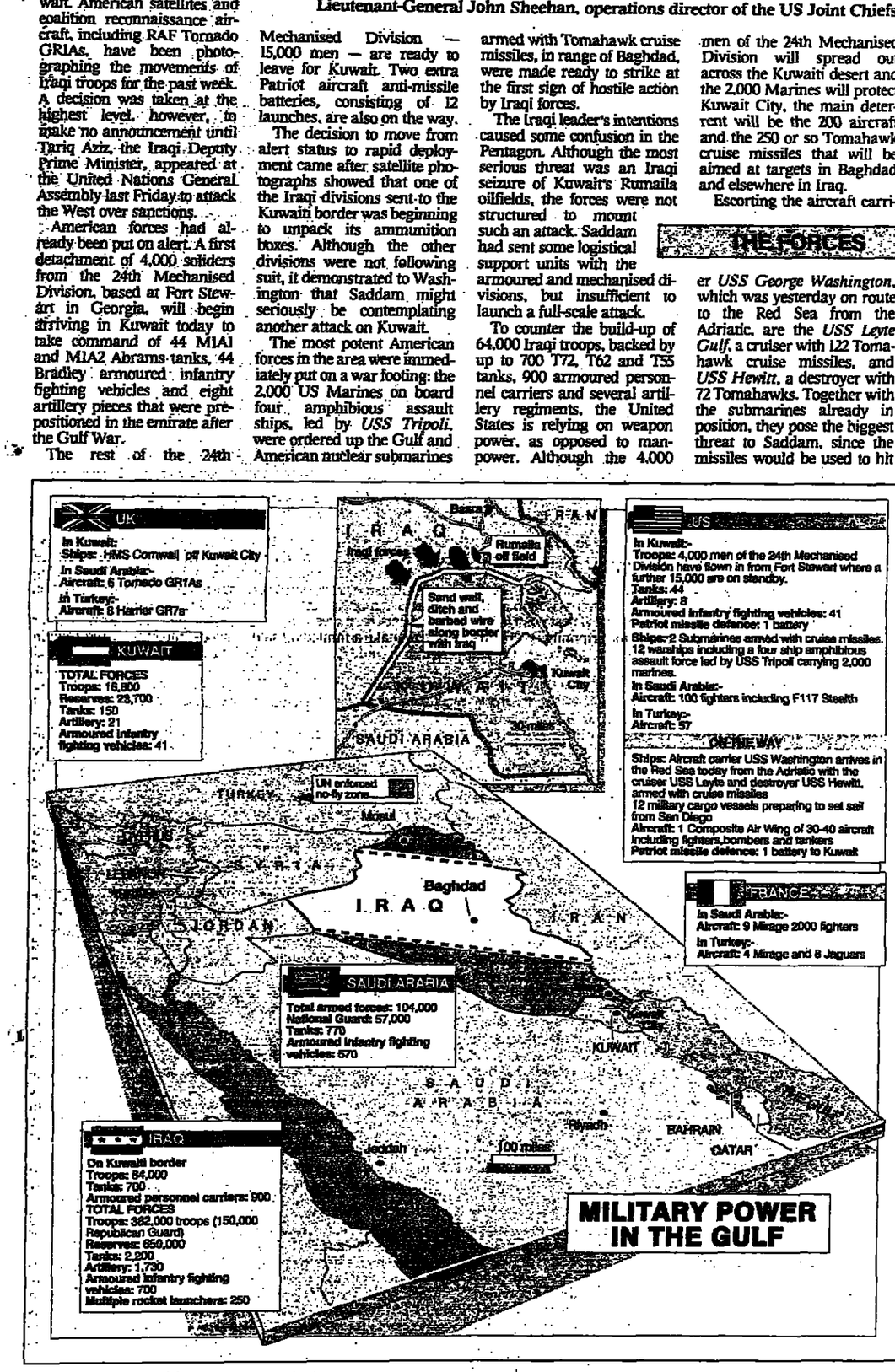
Britain's contribution so far is limited. Apart from sending *HMS Cornwall*, a Type-22 frigate armed with Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sea Wolf close-range missiles, to within two and a half miles of Kuwait City, a nuclear-powered submarine, *HMS Splendid*, is also understood to be on the way.

Britain also has eight Harrier GR7s at Incirlik in Turkey and six Tornado jets in Saudi Arabia which have been carrying out combat air patrols over northern and southern Iraq since the Gulf War.

The build-up of American firepower and the contigency plans for deploying thousands more troops and aircraft — US air force fighters based in Europe are also on high alert — should present Saddam with the most compelling reason for keeping his forces on the Iraqi side of the border.



Lieutenant-General John Sheehan, operations director of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, briefing reporters on Iraq at the Pentagon



Arab world stays hostile to Saddam

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

MORE than 20 countries were members of the last military alliance against Iraq. Of those, however, fewer than half are likely to heed any new call for another military confrontation.

One deciding factor in President Saddam Hussein's calculations must be the response of his immediate neighbours and the Arab world in general. So far the response must be disheartening: the key Arab members of the former coalition have been swift to issue warnings to Baghdad. Some countries and groups, such as Jordan, Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that gave him solid moral and verbal backing last time are now much more restrained.

Saudi Arabia issued a statement of support for Kuwait and called on Iraq to implement the UN Security Council resolutions which it signed. Prince Bandar, the Defence Minister, met the ambassadors of five permanent members of the Security Council, and Prince Saud, the Foreign Minister, said after meeting President Clinton in Washington that Saudi Arabia would co-operate with America to deter aggression. Egypt also promised full support for Kuwait and warned Iraq to halt any action before it could raise tension. Amr Moussa, the Foreign Minister, called the situation very dangerous and said the Iraqi move was a clear indication of miscalculations by Iraq.

Syria also expressed extreme concern and told Iraq to stop what it called "this dangerous escalation".

Jordan, where sympathy for Iraq ran high during the Gulf War, issued no official statement. But *al-Dastour*, a leading newspaper, said that the military movements were a "natural reaction" to American policy to prolong the sanctions. It accused Washington of deliberately trying to obstruct any hope of ending the tragedy of sanctions.

One of the most crucial reactions will be that of Turkey, a Nato member from whose Incirlik air base the monitoring operation of the exclusion zone over northern Iraq has been conducted.

The sanctions against Iraq are costing Turkey about $1 million (£630,000) a day in lost revenue from the two closed Iraqi oil pipelines through the country, according to Tansu Ciller, the Prime Minister. There is also increasing opposition in the country to any renewal of the US mandate to use Turkish bases against Iraq.

Anxious expatriates await Bad Man's comeback

From Christopher Walker
in Kuwait City

THERE was a growing mood of anxiety yesterday among Kuwaitis and the emirate's thousands of expatriates, including about 3,000 European Union nationals.

Concern that Baghdad could use today's self-imposed deadline for the lifting of sanctions to invade was increased by announcements that Kuwaiti hospitals have been placed on alert and public utilities put on a war footing.

"I have told my two children that if the 'Bad Man' comes again, we will go straight across the desert to Saudi Arabia. We have a four-wheel drive vehicle filled with petrol and most of our neighbours have done the same," said Maria Harris, a British housewife from Harrow, Middlesex.

She was standing in a checkout queue pushing a trolley loaded with crates of mineral water and a sack of flour. Like everyone here, as the crisis has deepened, Mrs Harris avoided referring to President Saddam Hussein by name. In a tiny country, where a recent Danish survey found a quarter of the population still suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, the Iraqi dictator dominates conversation but is usually called only "He" or "Him".

Mrs Harris, whose husband has an important financial role in the government, denied that she and other shoppers with loaded trolleys were panicking: "We are just taking the basic precautions. At least I want water in the house if there is going to be an attack. With that man, who really knows what he will do?"

As most Kuwaitis attempted to go about their daily business, aware that more than 60,000 Iraqi troops were only an hour's drive from their northern border, there were grim reminders everywhere of the 1990 invasion. Some of the buildings occupied by the Iraqis still have the crudely bricked-up gunslips from which they were going to fight the "mother of all battles". Near the Rolls-Royce showroom, a battered Iraqi tank sat on a plinth as a memorial to a war that no one has forgotten.

The government despatched thousands of troops and scores of tanks to the border, which it declared a "military zone" out of bounds to journalists. Psychologically, the royal family has been boosted by post-Gulf War defence co-operation agreements with Britain, the United States, France and Russia. The weekend's announcement that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had hastily added Kuwait to his itinerary for this week's shuttle peace mission was welcomed.

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On the walls of the heavily guarded seafront American embassy, a huge glass picture frame has been placed to preserve the 1991 graffiti scrawled there soon after the Iraqis were driven out: "Thanks for Bush and the American people".

Kuwait's strongman, Shaikh Saad al-Abdallah al Sabah, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, returned two days early from a trip to Italy to rally his people. "Welcome martyrdom," he said in a fighting speech broadcast on his return. "We will pay the price, no matter what, to defend Kuwait. Iraq should understand that the Kuwaiti people — men, women, elderly and the young — have agreed one word, which is 'death' for the sake of Kuwait."

Behind the bravado, there is a realisation that, despite the pact and the military purchases, Kuwaiti forces are still dwarfed by those of a dictatorial neighbour that insists the state is not a sovereign country, but Iraq's 19th province. The heroism of the Kuwaiti underground during the seven-month occupation, especially that of women, has stiffened the backbone of a population whose search for an easy life was often previously seen as the dominant national characteristic.

"I think we are better prepared this time and, unlike August 1990, the situation is different," a Kuwaiti naval officer said. "We had to fight alone for some time in 1990, but now we have the support in place."

Paradoxically, Western firepower is once again being amassed to defend a country where the increasing number of Kuwaitis who support Muslim fundamentalism are outspoken critics of Western culture. Among the latest targets of the fundamentalists are the curvaceous American Barbie doll, described as an "unethical embodiment", and Popeye, the nautical cartoon character who is under fire from clerics because his flirtation with Olive Oyl offends Islamic sensibilities.

The Kuwaiti fundamentalist magazine, *al-Mujtama*, has also attacked a much-publicised plan by an expatriate theatre group to stage a pop festival at the British Embassy next month. "Is this how we thank our God for getting our country back, by staging these kinds of festivals which receive God's wrath?" the magazine asked.

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Police arresting a demonstrator in Hyde Park, central London, yesterday after a good natured march against the Government's Criminal Justice Bill ended with running battles against police Protest battle, page 1

Tories give activists quick guide to achievements

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

TORY activists are to be given *at-a-glance records of the party's achievements and future policies as ministers struggle to regain the Conservative reputation for competence at the annual conference opening in Bournemouth tomorrow.*

After all the speeches by *Cabinet ministers at the four-day gathering, representatives and media will be presented with cards listing five main achievements and five fresh policies in the departmental areas they cover.*

The move has been ordered by party chiefs to make ministers concentrate on highlighting *the solid advances made under 15 years of Tory Government and showing that it has not run out of steam.*

The conference slogan "Britain growing stronger" has been carefully chosen by party strategists to reflect the fact that the recovery is under way, that more people are going *into higher education, more people are being treated in hospitals, and other improvements during the Conservative years.*

But by delivering the message *that the country is getting stronger it also recognises that individuals may not yet be feeling the benefits of the recovery. Strategists say that the party must recognise that it will take time for people to feel better off but that sooner or later the "feel-good factor" will return. The slogan will be carried on the "performance cards" to be handed to representatives.*

Ministers are unlikely to *present a united front this week over how to handle the threat posed by Tony Blair. There are clear divisions over whether to attack the Labour leader personally and whether to move the party towards the Right to counter Labour's move to the centre.*

Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative *chairman, accused Mr Blair over the weekend of abandoning his beliefs to win power while acting as a "Trojan Horse" for a Socialist Labour government. That was in line with the earlier aggression of Michael Heseltine towards Mr Blair. Only last month, he said Mr Blair was "young, inexperienced and irresponsible", and accused him of getting all the big judgments of the first 40 years of his life wrong.*

But yesterday Mr Heseltine appeared to change tack. Asked what he thought of Mr Blair's abilities, he said: "I am not making any judgment of that sort because I think to *judge someone after just a few weeks in the job is a ridiculous thing to do in politics. Politics is a long race."*

Instead, he sought to highlight the differences between Mr Blair and party left-wingers who inflicted a defeat on the leadership over Clause Four.

☐ *The Citizen's Charter, John Major's big idea for overhauling Britain's "sniff and snarl" tradition of public service, is to be relaunched after the Tory conference.*

Ministers and officials believe that not enough credit has been given to the widespread improvements in public services in the past three years since the initiative was unveiled to a sceptical public.

Executives from some of the *leading advertising agencies are being seconded to the Cabinet Office to provide the charter with a higher public profile, which has so far cost the taxpayer £10 million.*

Heath backs Labour policies

Sir Edward Heath yesterday gave his backing to key policies of Tony Blair's new-look Labour Party. The former Prime Minister, writing in *The Sunday Times*, called for a return to the "caring", one nation Toryism of Harold Macmillan and savaged the "grossly incompetent" imposition of VAT on fuel and the "immoral" privatisation of prison services. Later, on BBC TV, he endorsed a minimum wage and the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty.

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in which the Labour Party can ever appear as a low taxation party."

Mr Redwood's intervention will have pleased the Chancellor. He suggested that there could be no reductions until the economic recovery had picked up sufficiently to drive up tax revenues to cover public spending commitments. "At a certain point the Chancellor will be able to judge it is right for us to resume our normal course of cutting taxes. Throughout the 1980s, Budget after Budget we were cutting income tax. Throughout the 1980s, Budget after Budget identified another tax we could remove altogether ... It would be nice to return to those kind of policies in the mid to late 1990s ... But it is vital you don't do it until you're absolutely sure expenditure is under enough control and borrowing is not too high."

The message was reinforced by Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary. He said on BBC1's *On the Record* programme: "The way you deliver tax cuts is by cutting spending."

Meanwhile, the Thatcherite Conservative Way Forward group said a 2p cut would be the best way of tackling the party's most serious problem — the disaffection of the middle classes.

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Aitken's star glows as Portillo's dims



Aitken: right-wing successor to Major?

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

RIGHT-WING groupies will again be clustering around Michael Portillo this week as the young pretender of the Tory Right takes the stage in Bournemouth.

But while the spotlight is trained on Mr Portillo's first speech to conference as Employment Secretary and his starring role on the fringe, another right-wing Cabinet minister will be advancing his growing claims to the crown.

Jonathan Aitken, the suave Treasury Chief Secretary, exiled by Margaret Thatcher because of his stormy relationship with her daughter Carole, is being increasingly mentioned as a future leadership contender. Unlike Mr Portillo, Mr Aitken will receive no ovations this week. His job of trying to balance the Government's books is largely conducted in the shadows of Whitehall and he gets no public platform in Bournemouth.

Mr Aitken's following is not restricted to backbench MPs and a coterie of Thatcherites. He can count Mr Major among his fan club and some believe the Prime Minister sees Mr Aitken as the perfect foil to the leadership ambitious of Mr Portillo.

Mr Portillo's status as right-wing contender for the leadership has irritated Number 10 and a series of slip-ups has alienated some of his supporters. Even Mr Portillo's allies are beginning to see Mr Aitken as the natural right-wing successor to Mr Major and the best man to unite the Right and centre Right of the party.

Conservative Central Office has been told by Number 10 to make the maximum use of Mr Aitken on the media and at party functions to raise his profile. It can also be fairly safely assumed that, after two years in his present job, Mr Aitken can expect a promotion to one of the top offices of state.

Other senior right-wing ministers are facing a difficult conference. Michael Howard will struggle to convince delegates that he has crime under control and Peter Lilley has to explain away continuing problems with the Child Support Agency.

Police question 'Hewitt spy'

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

SPECIAL Branch questioned a former undercover special services commando yesterday after his claim that he was part of a surveillance unit ordered to spy on Major James Hewitt's home in Devon during a visit by the Princess of Wales.

Officers went to the home of Colour Sergeant Glyn Jones, in Exmouth, Devon, after he claimed in yesterday's *News of the World* that he was ordered to film the Princess making love to Mr Hewitt in the back garden of the Hewitt family home at Ebford in 1988. Mr Jones, who fought in the Falklands and left the Army in May last year, told the paper that he and his surveillance team were ordered to carry out the operation by a Royal Marines major.

The Ministry of Defence said it could not comment on individual operations but there is growing concern at Westminster over the role the secret services are alleged to have played in the operation.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Defence, expressed concern at the implications of the story. He said: "If it was someone acting on their own it was grossly improper. If somebody higher up had ordered it, it would be even more worrying."

Another senior Tory backbencher, Sir Teddy Taylor, said: "It is more than worrying in a democracy if somebody has authorised the use of public funds to undertake filming in this way."

Army sources have dismissed the claims as "absolute nonsense".

Mark Thatcher inquiry urged

BY ANDREW PIERCE

JOHN Major faced demands last night for a full judicial inquiry into allegations that Mark Thatcher earned £12 million from a government arms deal with Saudi Arabia which was signed by his mother.

The allegations were immediately seized on by Robin Cook, the shadow Trade Secretary, who is pressing for the publication of the minutes of an alleged meeting at Downing Street in 1984 between Baroness Thatcher, who was then Prime Minister, and a senior civil servant in which it is claimed that she was warned about her son's involvement. *The Sunday Times* reported yesterday that Sir Clive Whitmore, then Permanent Secretary at the Defence Ministry, had met Lady Thatcher at Downing Street to deliver a warning about the affair. She was reported to have ignored the advice. The £20 billion deal was signed in 1985.

Senior advisers to Lady Thatcher at the time dismissed the allegations yesterday and cast doubt on whether the meeting ever took place. There is no suggestion that Lady Thatcher or her son did anything illegal.

Mr Cook said: "If this meeting took place it must be minuted. It is a matter of urgency that those minutes are released into the public domain."

The Sunday Times claims to have transcripts of telephone conversations between members of the Saudi royal family in which Mr Thatcher's commission is discussed.

Lady Thatcher is due to attend the Conservative Party conference tomorrow.

Armed forces being cut 'far too quickly'

Britain is disarming "far too quickly" and will soon lack the resources to play a significant role in the world, a report by a defence research group says today. Calling for all further cost-cutting initiatives to be abandoned, the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies accuses the Government of abdicating its global responsibilities.

"Our forces have been cut so radically that we will be reduced in future to working with other countries — nothing can be gained by disguising this fact," the report says. Any reduction in British troop levels in Northern Ireland arising from the IRA ceasefire must also "not be an excuse for further manpower cuts". They should be used to strengthen Britain's commitments.

Christopher Coker, of the London School of Economics, and James Sherr, of Lincoln College, Oxford, say that the Royal Navy has been reduced to the lowest number of ships since the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

Ulster talks 'in months'

Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, told Radio Ulster yesterday that round-table negotiations involving all the Northern Ireland parties could start "within a matter of months". He said the Irish government wanted to complete the framework documents with Britain — and that might take place by the end of this month. He rejected Unionist demands that the IRA should surrender its weapons before the ceasefire was considered permanent.

Iran in Rushdie protest

Iran, which decreed a death sentence on the author Salman Rushdie in 1989, has protested to Germany that an invitation to him to meet European Union foreign ministers was a gesture against Muslims. The official Iranian news agency said that the protest was made by Hossein Mousavian, Iran's Ambassador to Germany, who called on the EU to revise the decision which would "damage the image of Europe in the Islamic states".

Cook reassures Blair

Robin Cook has assured Tony Blair of support for his efforts to reform the Labour Party's constitution, including the removal of Clause Four. The shadow Trade Secretary voiced strong reservations when Mr Blair told him only hours before his conference speech last Tuesday of his intentions. But in conversations since, Mr Cook is reported to have praised Mr Blair's speech strongly and told him that he wants to be a part of the reform process.

Fears grow for boy

Police searching for Daniel Handley, 9, of Beckton, east London, visited car boot sales and supermarkets yesterday to try to jog the memory of shoppers who may have seen him. Detective Superintendent Ed Williams said his fears for the boy, last seen riding a bicycle near his home a week ago, were growing "with every passing hour". A police spokesman said items from his home and another address had been taken for forensic examination.

New maternity laws

Firms could face huge claims from women who say they *have been discriminated against because of pregnancy with changes to the maternity laws at the end of this week. Under the provisions, a pregnant woman will have the right to return to work after 14 weeks' maternity leave even if she has been with the firm for as little as one day. Previously women had to work for two years before being entitled to statutory maternity pay, or five years if part-time.*

Battle link forged



The Royal Regiment of *Wales, famous for its defence of Rorke's Drift in the Zulu War of 1879, has* forged a new link with the *battle. Brigadier David* Bromhead, appointed colonel of the regiment yesterday, is the great, great *nephew of Lt Gonville* Bromhead, one of seven soldiers awarded the Victoria Cross. He was portrayed by *Michael Caine*, right, in the 1964 film *Zulu*.

Plans for bomb church

The Friends of St Ethelburga's, the medieval church in the City of London destroyed by an IRA bomb, have appointed James Thomas of Rothermel Thomas, chartered architects and town planners, to draw up plans for the restoration of the building. The architects will submit designs to the diocese for a faithful reconstruction of the church, which was one of the few in the City to survive the Great Fire of 1666 and the Blitz of 1940.

Plea for stowaway boy

The parents of a ten-year-old boy who stowed away on a ferry to Spain, and tried to board a jumbo jet bound for Brazil, have asked for him to be locked up for his own good after he ran away three times last week. Phyllis Webb, 38, of Havant, Hampshire, said last night that they were pleading with the authorities to help them with their son James. "The only way to keep him safe and sound is for him to be put into secure accommodation."

Dr George Carey

A report (October 8) gave a misleading impression about the attitude of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, to homosexuality within the church. Answering a question at a press conference in Rochester, Dr Carey referred to a Church of England report *Issues in Human Sexuality* and said: "We are aware that there are many people whose sexual orientation is homosexual. But the report says that practising homosexuality is incompatible with ordained ministry and it is a very gentle, pastoral document."



Alicia McCluckie, aged three, reunited with her father, Rob, at Manchester airport yesterday after travelling to New York with her mother Faye for brain surgery

Tumour girl all smiles after life-saving operation in New York

BY KATE ALDERSON

A GIRL aged three who underwent brain surgery in the United States returned home yesterday after doctors declared the high-risk operation a success. The surgery is unavailable in Britain.

Alicia McCluckie's parents were told that the £35,000 operation to remove a brain tumour the size of an orange was only available in two hospitals in the world. Professor Patrick Kelly, a neurosurgeon at the New York Medical Centre who pioneered the technique, removed the tumour with lasers in a ten-hour operation almost two weeks ago.

Alicia, accompanied by her mother, was reunited with her father Rob, 42, a deputy headmaster from Poynton, Cheshire, at Manchester airport. She chattered and giggled, her shaven head wrapped in protective bandages as her mother explained the dangers of the operation. Faye McCluckie, 37, a television producer, said: "There was nothing straight forward about it. There was a risk of paralysis on the left side and there was a risk of her not coming through it at all. The more Dr Kelly pointed out the dangers the more I realised I could be coming home alone."

The McCluckie's launched an appeal to cover the cost of the operation. An anonymous couple donated their redundancy money. The NHS met the cost of the operation through its South and East Cheshire Service. Mrs McCluckie plans to continue fundraising to help other children with similar tumours.

MP backs complaints over security risk

DVLA 'helps criminals' by giving drivers' details

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency may unwittingly be helping terrorists and criminals to select victims, according to the British Psychological Society.

Confidential information, including drivers' names and addresses, was released in 300,000 cases last year by the agency at Swansea, where details of 38 million vehicles are registered.

The society fears that rapists, burglars and terrorists may be taking note of registration plates and applying to the DVLA for personal details, pretending they need them after a road accident. The agency deals with many inquiries from motorists wanting to trace drivers or cars after a crash.

The society has complained to the agency after the address of one of its members was allegedly given to a mentally unstable criminal who then turned up at the psychologist's home near Birmingham.

A spokeswoman for the agency said last night that senior management would review security today in the wake of the complaint.

Colin Newbold, executive secretary for the society, said: "We were very alarmed and asked the DVLA to investigate. They told us the law provides for the information to be disclosed under certain circumstances and that each inquiry was vetted according to strict but confidential criteria."

The society is advising members to register their cars under a Post Office box number to reduce the risk of confidential information passing from the agency into the wrong hands.

Robin Corbett, the Labour MP for Birmingham Erdington and vice-chairman of the all-party motor industry group, said that the release of confidential information posed an "outrageous security risk". He promised to raise the matter in Parliament and said: "This open sesame approach to revealing confidential information is very worrying and must be stopped.

"The DVLA is not in a position to vet the requests from people who are asking for confidential information. This is a huge security risk.

"This kind of thing leaves people in sensitive positions totally open to attack and anything could happen. Judges, magistrates, politicians and people in the public eye are being left in a potentially very dangerous situation.

"Anyone with a grudge can easily get people's home addresses and carry out all sorts of vindictive acts."

The system of releasing confidential information unless the agency spots something obviously suspicious about the inquiry makes it possible that rapists could use it discover the homes of women they notice in cars, burglars could home in on the wealthy and terrorists could plan hit-lists.

Political or environmental extremists could also use it to locate the homes of opponents once car registration numbers have been noted.

Barbara Williams, press officer for the agency, said yesterday: "We have a special fee-paying section set up to deal with these requests for information. We require valid circumstances such as hit-and-run accidents before we release information and vet inquiries very carefully, judging each case on its merits and turning down any we feel are suspicious.

"We require identification checks on the authenticity of people requesting information and err on the side of caution. Security is tighter than it was in the early days of the DVLA but senior management will be looking again at the matter."



Routley: in hospital

Runaway mother refuses to go home

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

ALISON Routley, the legal executive who disappeared for nine days, spent her 35th birthday alone in a hospital bed yesterday as her family tried to come to terms with her declared intention to cut them out of her life.

Mrs Routley is recovering in hospital in Cumbria 300 miles from her home in Chapel Leigh, Somerset, suffering from a suspected nervous breakdown. Her husband Brian, who spent the day at the family home in Chapel Leigh near Taunton, said: "It was her birthday on Sunday but I never got round to buying her anything. At least she is alive somewhere to celebrate it.

"She does not want me to know where she is, and I have to abide by that," he said. Mr Routley, an upholsterer, said their only daughter, Alexis, 11, had been told of her mother's wish not to talk to her. He said: "I don't know how she will come to terms with it but she is a tough kid."

Yesterday Mrs Routley began what she intends to be a completely new life with an assurance from detectives that she is unlikely to be prosecuted for wasting police time.

Soldier's wife killed by grenade

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SEVERELY injured British soldier was under police guard in hospital in Germany yesterday after his wife was killed when a hand grenade exploded in their flat.

Lance Corporal Phillip Eddowes, 29, from Downham Market, Norfolk, who lost a hand and an eye in the blast, was recovering from surgery as police investigated the incident.

The soldier, who is stationed with 32 Engineer Regiment at Hohne near Hanover, is understood to have driven 100 miles to see his estranged German wife Anke, 27, last Thursday at the flat they shared in Rheine, Osnabrük, to discuss their problems.

His wife died instantly in the explosion. Her sister, who was visiting the flat at the time, escaped uninjured. She told police who arrested Eddowes that his wife had asked for a divorce.

Alan Patterson, spokesman for British forces in Germany, said: "We don't know where the grenade came from. Everyone in his regiment and the army is extremely shocked that this has occurred and regret very much what has happened."

German police are investigating where Eddowes, who joined the army in 1985, had obtained the grenade which is believed to have been made in Eastern Europe.

Police have taken jurisdiction over the matter as it involves a German citizen, and Army disciplinary action against Eddowes is said to be unlikely if charges result from the investigation.

Lance Corp Eddowes had served in the Gulf War and was part of the British contingent of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia 18 months ago. His divorced mother Josephine, a retired nurse, and younger brother Simon, who is also in the Army, were flown to Germany to be at his bedside.

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Tickets for the National Lottery go on sale on Monday November 14, and with a top prize of £2m expected when the first draw takes place on Saturday November 19, lottery fever is starting to grip the nation. *The Times*, in association with *The Sunday Times*, is offering readers an additional chance to become overnight millionaires with our great lottery tickets prize draw.

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Oxford student plagiarised thesis

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

AN OXFORD University graduate is to be stripped of his degree after an investigation found him guilty of plagiarism. The university's governing body, Congregation, will decide tomorrow how to "degrade" the unnamed student.

The university proctors investigated after it was alleged that a member of Westminster College was awarded a Master of Theology degree based on a thesis copied from material successfully submitted by two students to two other universities in 1984 and 1986. The *University Gazette* announced: "The proctors have found the allegation to be fully justified and recommend that the person should be deprived of the degree on the ground of plagiarism."

In April, a former Oxford postgraduate student was stripped of his Doctorate of Philosophy for a thesis based on previously published material on politics in Pennsylvania. His thesis has since been removed from the university's Bodleian Library.

BBC hopes for a fortune from war

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is reviving two of its most successful wartime drama series, *Colditz* and *Fortunes of War*, to spearhead a marketing drive into Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The two series will be promoted at an international television market in Cannes today in response to mushrooming demand from new cable and satellite television stations.

Susan Elkington, European sales director for BBC Worldwide, said that *Colditz* had become a cult programme since its 28 original episodes were screened in 1972. There is strong demand, particularly in Eastern Europe, from fledgling broadcasters looking for long-running series to fill schedules for months at a time, she said.



David McCallum, centre, as Simon Carter in *Colditz*

"We are already having enormous success with selling some of the BBC's great landmark drama series as the new channels compete with quality and quantity. It creates new opportunities for us to use our archives imaginatively."

Based on books by Major Pat Reid, *Colditz* stars Robert Wagner and David McCallum and tells the story of the escape plans of prisoners of war held by the Germans in Colditz castle.

"We are waiting to see if it will be brought in Germany. The German market has opened up recently," Ms Elkington said.

Fortunes of War, set in Bucharest, Athens and Egypt, has grown in attraction since it was made in 1987, partly because increased political interest in the Balkans has made it more topical, but mainly because its two leading actors, Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson, have since become international stars.

The seven-part drama cost £7 million for seven 55-minute episodes. "The result is that it is like watching cinema film on television," Ms Elkington said.

The BBC will also use this week's programme market in Cannes to launch its new six-part dramatisation of Charles Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*, which will be screened in Britain later this autumn.

The corporation's latest overseas drive is a direct response to government pressure for it to increase its £1.6 billion income from the annual licence fee through commercial ventures. By 2004 the BBC expects to generate about 15 per cent of its revenue in that way.

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Law Society conference: an appeal to enshrine one convention as detectives abandon another

Judges and peers back human rights Bill to aid speedy justice

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government will come under pressure from judges and peers to enshrine the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law when a Bill is introduced in the House of Lords later this month.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, the leading human rights lawyer and Liberal Democrat peer, is tabling the measure which he describes as a modest first step towards creating a Bill of Rights in Britain.

He said his Bill would give people a speedy remedy and quicker justice because they would not have to resort to Strasbourg, where it took several years to obtain a ruling, but could bring alleged breaches of their rights before the courts in Britain.

Senior judges including Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, and Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, have previously come out in favour of enshrining the convention into British law. There is, however, strong government opposition.

Lord Lester told the annual Law Society conference in London on Saturday that the Bill would enable judges to interpret and apply the text of the convention in the way that they did with European Community law in the Treaty of Rome. The Bill would create "core constitutional rights" and ensure greater control over the "awesome powers" of the legislature. At present, there was no "systematic scrutiny of government measures to see if they comply with our treaty obligations under the convention".

One criticism of the proposal is that it will place judges in the position of making difficult moral decisions. Lord Lester said that already judges had to make "awesome value judgments", such as in the case of Anthony Bland, the Hillsborough victim who was in a persistent vegetative state and died after doctors gained legal authority to stop feeding him.

The Law Lords had found it "personally agonising" to have to resolve the moral questions involved in taking away life, Lord Lester said. But at present they had to make such decisions without "any fundamental guidance of a Bill of Rights".

Sir Stephen Sedley, a High Court judge, said he hoped Lord Lester's Bill would succeed as a first step, but he strongly opposed enshrining the European Convention as it now was, "a full generation out of date".

The convention, devised in 1950, took a limited view of human rights, "based on the 19th century paradigm of the individual whose enemy is the State; I don't believe that is a workable premise".

Sir Stephen said it took no account, for example, of the right to an unpolluted environment; or the right to be free from fear "engendered by hate speech". He said: "We can put into place a better human rights instrument than this and I hope we will."

Antony Whitaker, legal manager of Times Newspapers, condemned the time it took to achieve rulings from Strasbourg which protected the freedom of the press in cases such as the thalidomide scandal and the *Spycatcher* memoirs.

"News, ideas and worthwhile debate are highly perishable commodities and they never matter more than when they first emerge. Nowhere is the need for a swiftly available remedy greater," he said.



Lord Justice Taylor, left, favours enshrining the convention into UK law, as mooted by Lord Lester

Police clean up their act after Stagg case

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE police are being forced to abandon traditional investigative methods in favour of a new role as "neutral gatherers of accurate and reliable fact" in the wake of cases such as that of Colin Stagg, the conference was told.

Commander Tom Williamson of Scotland Yard, one of the country's leading experts on investigative techniques, said that police were finally being forced to "clean up their act".

Cases such as the Guinness scandal, in which the prosecution was obliged to disclose vast numbers of documents to the defence; and the Stagg prosecution, abandoned out after the judge lambasted the police undercover operation to find the killer of Rachel Nickell, were bringing a "cultural revolution".

"There was enormous resistance within the police service to disclosure, not least because of the huge bureaucracy it has created," Commander Williamson said. "At a conservative estimate it has probably added 30 per cent to the time and cost of an investigation. However, in its wake, it has brought a cultural revolution."

As a result, senior investigation officers "are increasingly identifying their role as that of gatherers of fact and collectors of evidence".

In both the Stagg case and the earlier case of Keith Hall, cleared of murdering his wife, judges ruled inadmissible taped conversations with suspects made by police in undercover operations.

Judges, and in particular the Lord Chief Justice, are determined to weed out weak cases, Commander Williamson said. Police, as a result, were being forced "away from a confession strategy towards one in which they direct their resources in a more thorough search for evidence than was previously the case".

No doubt police would still work out new ways of obtaining evidence and to test the boundaries of the law, he added. But the shift would be away from a strategy focused on prosecution and confession towards "a new role as neutral gatherers of accurate and reliable information from suspects, witnesses or victims in order to discover the truth about the matters under police examination."

He questioned whether, if police investigations became more open, defence lawyers would have to change their role. "Do they have a public interest duty or only a duty to their clients?"

In the wake of the Stagg case, where a psychologist advised the woman police officer who pretended to befriend Mr Stagg, Commander Williamson said there was a need for "quality control" on psychological advice, which should be addressed by the British Psychological Society. Until it did, "quality control will continue to be done by judges".

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Staunton Memorial tournament

After four rounds of the Staunton Memorial tournament, which is being held in the Burlington Café in the grounds of Chiswick House, London, the international master Andrew Whiteley recovered from his loss in the first round to score three consecutive wins.

Latest scores

After the weekend's games in the Staunton Memorial tournament, the frontrunners are international masters Demetrios Agnos and Andrew Whiteley, who continue to maintain a cracking pace. Agnos beat Richard Britton while Whiteley defeated Francis Rayner.

White: Andrew Whiteley

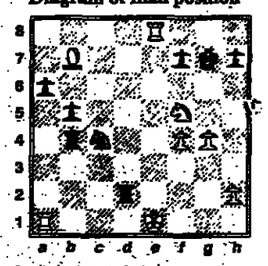
Black: Niall Carton

Staunton Memorial
October 1994

Nimzo-Indian Defence

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2	c4	Nf6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Qc2	c5
5	dxc5	Na6
6	a3	Bxc3+
7	Qxc3	Nxc5
8	f3	d5
9	cxd5	b6
10	b4	Na4
11	Qb3	b5
12	e4	a6
13	Be3	exd5
14	e5	0-0
15	exf6	Re8
16	Ne2	d4
17	Rd1	Be6
18	Qb1	Ba2
19	Qxa2	Rxa3
20	Qd2	Rxa3
21	Qxd4	Qxf6
22	Qxf6	gxf6
23	Kf2	Nb2
24	Rd4	Ra1
25	g4	Re8
26	Bg2	Ra2
27	Re1	Nc4
28	Re4	Rd8
29	f4	Rb2
30	Ra1	Rd6
31	Re8+	Kg7
32	Sb7	Rxb4
33	Ng3	Rd2+
34	Ke1	f5
35	Nxf5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Staunton Society

Howard Staunton (1810-1874) was Britain's greatest chessplayer of the 19th century. He has lent his name to the Staunton pattern pieces, in universal use for important chess competitions. Sadly, Staunton now lies in an unmarked grave in Kensal Green, northwest London.

The Staunton Society has recently been set up, with Nigel Short as its president, to raise funds for a fitting headstone for Staunton in Kensal Green.

To join the society, or to attend its inaugural banquet on November 1, contact Brian Clivaz, the organiser, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the Staunton Society's headquarters, 100 The Strand, London WC2 (Tel: 071 836 9112).

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THE TIMES BRIDGE

BY JOHN GRAHAM

Dealer South — No score

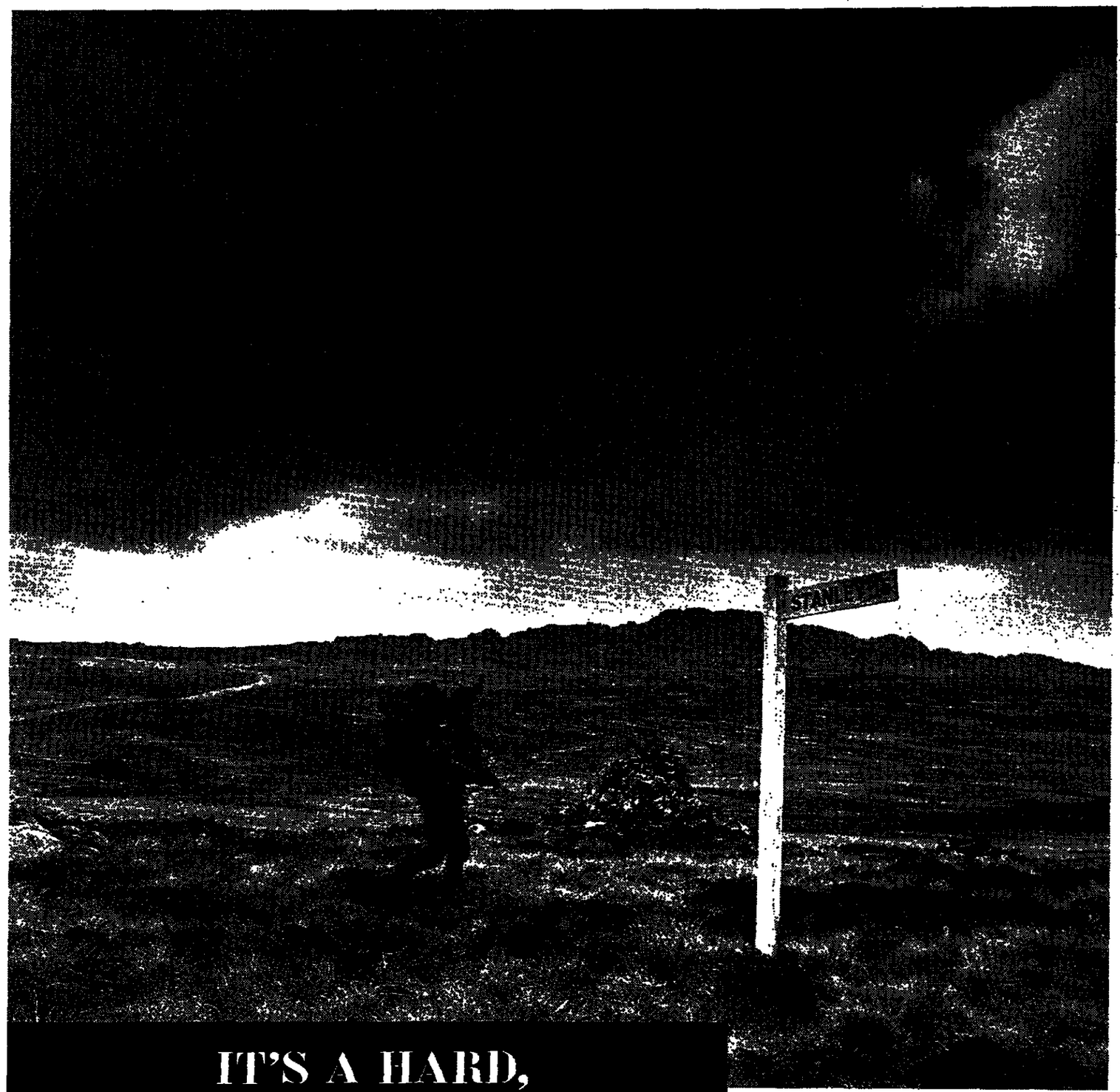
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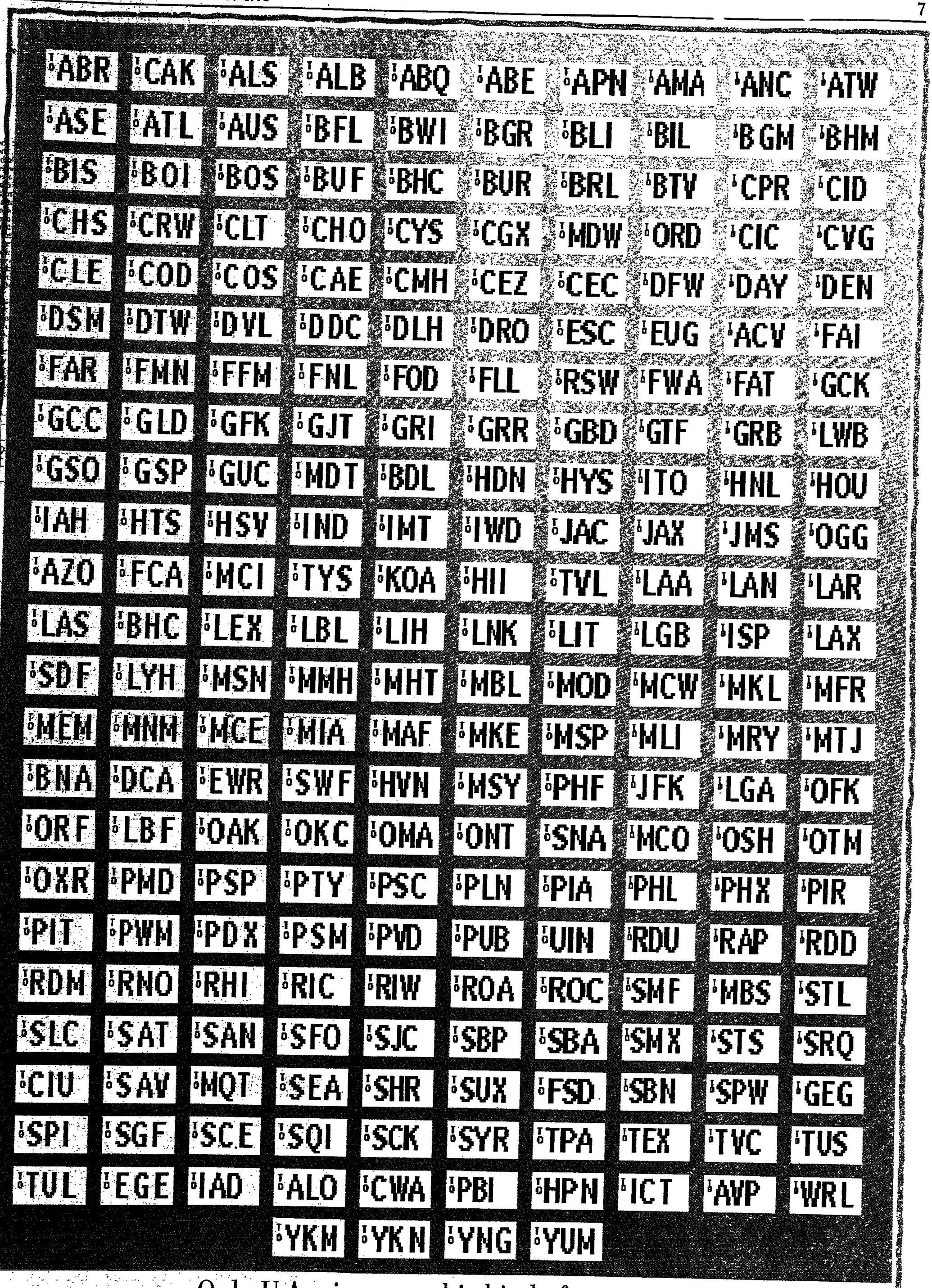
This hand was played at the Acol Club in north London, a club with a famous name and the usual sprinkling of experts and duffers. South opened one no trump, and North was so impressed by his intermediates that he raised to three. West led the jack of hearts. East won with the ace and continued the suit.

South held off until the third round, of course, tried the ace of clubs (in case someone had a stiff Q-J), and was forced to resort to spades. Since he had no hope if West held the ace, he made the normal play of running the jack. This yielded ten tricks. Lucky South, you may say.

Except that isn't what happened. This particular East was a cut above average, and on the first trick he played the *queen* of hearts. South was forced to win the trick — in case West had led from four or five to the A-J-10 — and his goose was cooked. He tried running diamonds, but East completed his coup by cluicking the ace of hearts on the third round. This put his partner in the picture. Specifically it alerted *him* to the need to hold on to every little heart in his hand. Declarer could do nothing but take his eight top tricks and give up.

The play of the queen of hearts in this situation is standard practice amongst experts. If partner has the king, so much the better. You cannot lose to a singleton king. South, because South opened one no trump and cannot possibly have a singleton king. The logic is inescapable. Preempt declarer's ducking play by ducking yourself.





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On the eve of their annual conference, the Conservatives face a membership crisis

Tory chiefs in danger of losing their troops

*Tory Party statistics tell a dismal story of declining membership. **Michael Pinto-Duschinsky** looks at the future of a party which now has only one member for every three it had when Margaret Thatcher became leader 20 years ago*



■ John Major and his Cabinet face cries of greed, sleaze and incompetence from the dwindling numbers of grass-roots supporters. The task at this year's conference will be to restore confidence

agenda

The campaign for new Tory Party members, to be launched at this week's party conference, will be the new chairman's only real chance before the election to halt the precipitous decline of the once-famed Conservative constituency organisation.

The party now has no more than 500,000 members: this is one sixth of the number claimed by Conservative Central Office in the 1950s. By last month, local associations were employing only 207 qualified agents, the lowest number since immediately after the Second World War. The Young Conservatives are virtually defunct. Constituency payments in 1993-94 to the Central Office slumped to below £800,000. Almost all other facts about the local organisations tell a similarly dismal story.

> **Decline of Young Tories makes the future bleak**

Analysis of the most recent figures from 250 constituencies suggests that membership fell by 15 per cent between 1992-93 and 1993-94, reducing the total to about 540,000. However, this is almost certainly an overestimate. Reported memberships are often overstated, the associations refusing to give figures that tend to be below average. The real total is probably below a half million.

Whenever it has been possible to identify members of Conservative clubs, they have not been included in these figures. Central Office estimates sometimes do include them. These clubs are usually premises licensed to sell alcohol and members sometimes pay small block subscriptions to the local association.

These statistics mean the party has only one member now for every three it had when Margaret Thatcher became party leader 20 years ago. The serious erosion under John Major is the latest stage of a much longer process.

The greatest decline has been in safe Labour-held seats, which have retained only one Conservative member for every seven in the late 1960s. Tory parties in solidly Labour seats average 200 members and many of these seats have become no-go areas for the Tories. Constituencies such as Ogmore, Leeds West, Tyne Bridge and Salford East have 20 members or fewer, while Glasgow-Shettleston, Cumbernauld & Kilsyth, Hull West, Mansfield and Pontypridd have fewer than 50. In some, almost the only members are elderly survivors of the old days.

Many Labour-held marginals — including those lost by the Tories in 1992 — have been nearly abandoned by the Tories. In 59 seats held by Labour with majorities over the Tories of no more than 10 per cent, only seven associations had a full-time, qualified agent by March 1994. The state of party organisations is somewhat better in Tory-held marginals. Membership here averages nearly 1,000 (compared with 500 in Labour-held marginals). But even in these vital seats, which the Tories must retain if they are to win the next election, Tory organisation is frequently in disarray. In Slough, where John Watts had a majority of 514 in 1992, the Tory association has 83 members and, not surprisingly, no agent. Only five of the 13 most marginal Tory seats have a professional agent. Three quarters of the party's qualified agents are employed in the safest Tory constituencies, which tend to have the largest memberships and the most solid finances.

Falling membership has been accompanied by other problems. Defeats in local elections have decimated councillors, often the mainstay of local committees. Impending parliamentary boundary changes will create an increased number of marginal constituencies. The changes will soon make it necessary to create new associations to match the new boundaries. In the meantime, organisations in seats such as Billericay and Croydon North-East remain in suspended animation.

What makes the prospect for the future look bleak is the decline of the Young Conservatives. Hailed in the 1950s and 1960s as the "largest political youth movement in the free world", the YCs are down to 5,000 or less. There also has been a sharp drop in the size of Conservative clubs at universities.

The situation may not be as hopeless as the figures imply. It is normal for the number of paid constituency agents to fall after a general election and to pick up again as the next one approaches. This sometimes applies to membership.

The fall in membership numbers in the 1980s was partly attributable to the computerisation of membership records and of recruitment. Until the mid 1980s, activists in branch committees normally recruited members by door-to-door canvassing and frequently accepted subscriptions of less than £1. When this procedure gave way to computer-generated membership reminders from constituency offices, the number who paid by cheque or credit card declined but the average subscription shot up.

The party still has nearly twice as many members as Labour, despite the three-fold fall in Tory membership since 1973. However, in 1973 Tory membership was nearly five times as large as Labour's.

The number of members matters much less than in the past. Some of the tasks previously carried out by party activists during campaigns can now be completed by computer instead and Central Office, aided by some of the strongest local parties, has been successful in adapting its campaigning to take advantage of new technology.

It is commonly argued that the decline in membership is not only unimportant but inevitable. Modern social conditions make mass party membership a thing of the past. The spread of television has produced a more passive society in which fewer people join political parties and charitable bodies alike. Constituency agents also report that fears about personal security have made electors less willing to answer door-to-door canvassers.

In the Tory Party, there are striking differences in the number of members in neighbouring constituencies with similar social mixes. In the past year, when membership in solid Tory seats has averaged 1,500, the Conservative associations in New Forest, Stratford on Avon and Saffron Walden recorded memberships of more than 5,000. Beaconsfield, Honiton, Hexham and Castle Point have all reported totals of more than 4,000; Cirencester & Tewkesbury, Cambridgeshire North-East and Ryedale have claimed more than 3,000 members.

The success of the Tories' drive to increase membership will obviously depend in part on the Government's political standing. Party strategists hope that economic recovery will make it easier to persuade lapsed members to return. But an improvement in the economy will not be enough to reverse the decline of the organisation. Equally important will be the commitment of the Prime Minister and senior political figures to the task of reconstruction.

Tory leaders have tended to avoid the grind of party management except when an election is imminent. The very period that has produced four election victories has also produced the most serious decline in party organisation. Baroness Thatcher based her electoral strategy on a populist appeal and remained largely independent of the party machine.

The problem encountered by Mr Major in persuading any senior Cabinet member to accept the party chairmanship demonstrates the prevailing distaste for party work. Unless Mr Major shows a solid commitment to party affairs and demands the same of his colleagues, they may find they are generals with almost no troops.

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky is one of the leading authorities in Britain on party organisation and political finance.

John Major would be unwise to ignore the worries about government incompetence, greed and sleaze expressed by Conservative constituency leaders during the party chairman's pre-conference tour and in other soundings (Michael Pinto-Duschinsky writes).

Many local Tories place the blame for Conservative misfortunes directly on the performance of ministers (though, crucially, not on Mr Major personally). As one local chairman put it: "We can only sell a message that is worth buying."

This response is alarming because the time-honoured reaction of Tory activists to unpopularity is to attack the media and to criticise poor public relations by party headquarters. Not this time.

With a few exceptions, constituency officers speak highly of the central party machine and its area offices. They direct their fire at the political leadership and what they see as the Government's incompetence. One MP is typical when he talks of the Cabinet's "lack of competence, lack of sense of direction and lack of grip". My survey of opinion in 50 constituencies uncovered complaints about the absence of "well-defined, workable policies", the Government's "ineptitude", its failure to "get its act together", it knack of "alienating its natural supporters" and its "self-inflicted banana skins". One activist summed up thus: "Organisation is not the problem", party leaders "need to be seen to be in control".

> **A typical MP talks of the Cabinet's lack of grip**

A clear theme is concern about greed at the centre. Not many would go as far as the constituency officer for whom the Major ministry is corrupt, arrogant and intent on protecting "the rich and powerful" in finance and property. But similar feelings are expressed repeatedly in milder form.

A West Country MP explains why members of his constituency association are sensitive to the issue of probity. Most of them are fairly lowly-paid, "respectable people", including service personnel, and they have a long-standing suspicion of "wide boys in the City of London". They are suspicious of the way their interests appear to be protected at high levels of Government.

A Midlands constituency chairman adds that the Government has alienated "almost every professional body, usually containing a predominance of Conservative voters". Historically, Conservatives have had ambiguous views about business. The Tory objective of creating a "property-owning democracy" was to extend ownership and prosperity beyond the rich to ordinary people. Though opposed to socialism, Tories also favoured community values and, not least for reasons of political expediency, were prepared to restrain the workings of capitalism.

These trends are underlined by a survey of Conservative members, conducted in 1992 by Patrick Seyd of Sheffield University. He found that 60 per cent belonged to households with a total income of less than £28,000 a year; two-thirds of members were aged 56 and over and were concerned, therefore, not only with questions of personal safety but also with the National Health Service.

The implications are clear for Mr Major. The Tory conference will be looking for evidence that the Government has defined medium-term objectives. Moreover, some of the party faithful yearn for ideals of respectability, security and community service. Businessmen and public officials who negotiate six-figure, three-year rolling contracts for themselves, and investors who make or lose in a few days more than ordinary party members earn in years are no longer Conservative heroes. Half of all members are old age pensioners or have taken early retirement. The key to Mrs Thatcher's political success in the 1980s was that she linked the language of free enterprise with council house sales and the sale of shares in privatised utilities: policies that helped millions of electors. In the 1990s, the Government is unlikely to gain similar dividends by creating internal markets in hospitals, schools and universities. The most obvious gainers from these complex reforms appear to be a narrow group of top managers.

Nor will the Government retain the confidence of supporters facing retirement if the winners from the system of personal pension schemes turn out to be commission-hungry salesmen.

□ *True Blues: The Politics of Conservative Party Membership*, Patrick Seyd, Paul Whiteley and Jeremy Richardson (*Oxford: Clarendon Press, November 1994*)

Firm leadership wins the local numbers game

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

IN THE heart of southern England, the constituencies of Beaconsfield and Windsor & Maidenhead should be pillars of Tory local strength and activity. But they are in a markedly different state, highlighting the difficulties the party faces even in its traditional strongholds.

Beaconsfield Conservative Association has nearly 5,000 members, manages to raise more than £120,000 a year and pays double the allotted national quota of payments to Conservative Central Office. Tim Smith, its MP and now a junior minister, had a majority of 23,597 in 1992. Beaconsfield Tories have knocked out all the Liberal councillors in the South Buckinghamshire district. They paid for the agent in neighbouring Slough at the last election and local activists often help less fortunate constituencies.

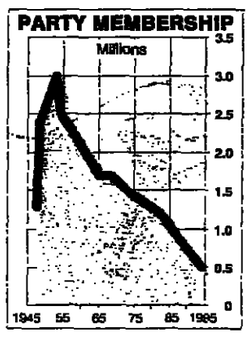
Nearby Maidenhead & Windsor is not so fortunate. Its MP Michael Trend saw the majority reduced by nearly 5,000 to 12,928 at the last election. The party lost several seats in the local elections, membership hovers at about 1,300, and it can provide only half the national quota.

Philip Dunville, Beaconsfield's full-time agent, admits it is easier to woo a constituency devoid of "lefty, bearded teachers who can't afford the house prices", but puts most of the local successes down to firm leadership and good organisation.

"We get a lot of businessmen attracted here by the easy commuting distances to London, the green belt countryside and the convivial neighbours. But that doesn't necessarily mean they give money. Often they are just more vocal. My job is to inspire people to enjoy getting together with like-minded friends and to have fun beating the enemy on the street," he said.

"We get people queueing up to go campaigning, they will leaflet whole areas and then they all have lunch together afterwards. There are 22 of us going to the conference, but we could have had 200."

Beaconsfield does not bother with Young Conservatives — "they are more effort then they are worth" — but the party is setting up a Twentysomething club. In the past two years membership has dropped by about 300 and annual income has gone down by about £5,000 but Mr Dunville is not panicking. "The recession hit us hard. Even though the Mercedes dealer here is having a bumper year, people are still worrying about the economy. But I have noticed a little more optimism," he said.



Windsor & Maidenhead Tories protest that they have fewer helicopters and tiaras. On average each member gives £12 a year, but some give as little as 10p and they have lost 200 members in the past three years. They have no large donations, but Central Office receives funds directly from businessmen in the area. A dinner with Lord Tebbit as guest speaker recently raised £1,300.

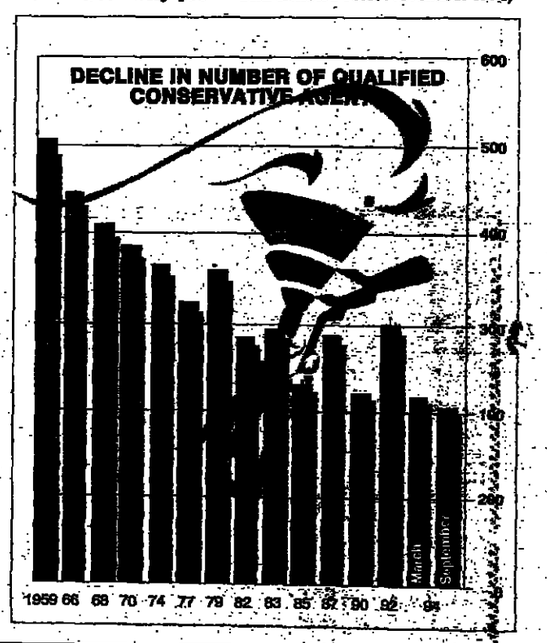
The party has no agent but Jacqueline Porter, who works part time as the party secretary, is hoping to become one. Donald Cawthorne, the chairman, remains fiesty and has managed to raise the funds from £20,000 to £60,000 in three years despite membership problems.

He said: "The Labour Party is convinced that we have millionaires all chipping in, but it is mostly bring and buy sales. People here feel they have been deceived by the Government, but most are sticking by us and they all love our social activities."

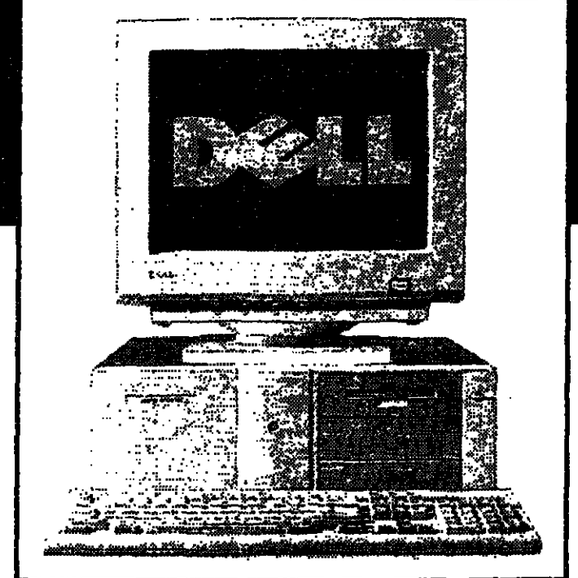
Mr Cawthorne thinks they turned a corner after the local elections. "We need to get about 2,000 members and as long as Kenneth Clarke gives us some tax cuts and is tough on spending I think we might do it," he said.

The party is starting a recruitment drive this winter. "We post our magazine to every house in the constituency every quarter and we will try to knock on people's doors and ask if they want to help us."

The party also needs to find the funds for computers, an office, a secretary and an agent for the new constituency when the existing one is split in two in the forthcoming boundary changes. "Conservative Central Office think we can just wave a magic wand and split the constituency, but it will be very messy," Mr Cawthorne said.



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Doctors told not to keep patients alive for spare organs

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TRANSPLANT surgeons were warned by the Department of Health yesterday that keeping patients alive to harvest their organs was illegal.

Tom Sackville, junior health minister, said that patients could be kept alive only when, in the opinion of doctors, there would be a benefit to them. Legal guidance on the point would be issued, he said, but some consultants had already been circulated with the legal opinion by the Royal College of Surgeons. The technique, called elective ventilation, has been used by a small number of hospitals in only a few cases with the approval of patients' relatives. Stroke victims who cannot be saved have been moved to intensive care units to keep them alive for a few more hours to use their organs for transplant.

The hospital that pioneered the approach, the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in Exeter, has made no secret of the policy, which has the support of transplant organisations. The policy doubled the number of organs available for transplant but was halted in May this year to await the ruling from the Health Department.

A study of deaths in hospitals in South Wales showed that more than 100 people dying every year could have provided organs to save others if they had been put on ventilators. Artificial ventilation is necessary to prevent organs from deteriorating after brain death.

Ethical doubts about the procedure have, however, discouraged other hospitals from adopting it. Mr Sackville said that any infringement of common law by surgeons using elective ventilation had been technical and unwitting, and should be considered in the context of the enormous benefit to those patients needing transplants "whose lives have been immeasurably improved or indeed saved".

Transplant organisations may now press for a legal change. The waiting lists for transplants is lengthening. Last week the Health Department launched a computerised register and yesterday Mr Sackville said that the department would "explore every avenue to maximise the transplant programme".

David Poulter, co-chairman of the National Kidney Federation, a patients' organisation, said: "We know elective ventilation worked very well, and we are very much in favour of it, as long as proper ethical procedures are followed. We believe most emphatically that the law should be changed to allow it to continue." The King's Fund, a medical think-tank, has called for elective ventilation to be considered.

☐ The Health Department said yesterday that it was the responsibility of doctors to decide who should be given influenza jabs, after a report in *The Sunday Times* that elderly people were being denied the jabs to hasten their deaths. *The Sunday Times* reported that doctors at Knowle Hospital in Fareham, Hampshire, decided last year not to vaccinate any of the 17 long-stay mentally disturbed patients in the Botley Ward. Eight subsequently died of flu.

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Market threatens London hospitals

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
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Sir Bernard: forecast the loss of patients

BIG falls in the number of routine patients treated by London teaching hospitals are revealed in figures that show how the NHS market is threatening their future.

Some of the country's best-known medical institutions have lost up to 30 per cent of their non-urgent in-patients in a year, as outlying health authorities withdraw contracts and send their patients to cheaper, local hospitals.

The changes are putting intense pressure on the hospitals. There is a big expansion in day-case surgery and greater specialisation. A surge in emergency admissions is adding to the pressures.

A survey by *The Times* shows that Sir Bernard Tomlinson correctly forecast the withdrawal of routine patients from London hospitals in his report for the Government published two years ago, but he failed to predict the sharp rise in emergency admissions. The hospitals are operating at close to capacity despite the fall in non-urgent cases.

The Tomlinson report said a dozen institutions should close or merge with the loss of at least 2,500 beds to give those that remained a chance of surviving. Guy's, St Bartholomew's and the Middlesex are among those earmarked for downgrading or disposal.

The figures show that the worst-affected hospital is University College, near Tottenham Court Road in central London, which saw a 14 per cent fall in patients treated between 1992-93 and 1993-94. The hospital, which was losing £1 million a month, has closed 170 beds and gone through a "massively painful" year of change to reduce its costs, a spokesman said. This year it cut its prices by 10 per cent to attract more business.



JULIAN HERBERT

Peter McMillan, left, and Lang Kidby last month. Their plane is a replica of the one that made the first flight from England to Australia

Biplane pilots crash on beach

FROM REUTER IN JAKARTA

FOUR airmen have been found alive after their replica biplane crash-landed on an Indonesian beach while trying to retrace the first flight from England to Australia, an Indonesian official said yesterday. A local rescue team is on its way to pick them up from the beach near Lampung, Sumatra.

The plane, a replica of the Vickers Vimy bomber that made the historic flight in 1919, came down with engine trouble about 40 nautical miles south of Lampung. It had taken off from Singapore with only six more stops left on its 11,250-mile flight to Darwin.

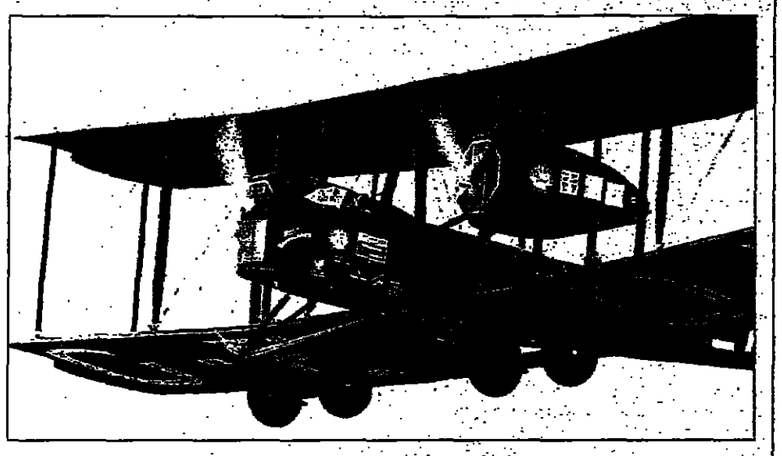
Tamtomo Adi, air force director of operations and training, said that the crew of two pilots and two technicians appeared to have escaped serious injury. "The pilots managed to contact us through their radio, which was still working."

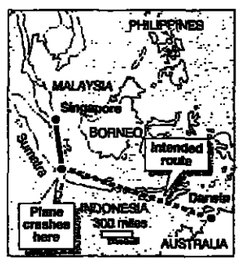
A second plane flying with the *Shell Spirit of Brooklands Vimy* flew to the scene of the crash and spotted the four, who include the pilots Peter McMillan, 35, an American, and Lang Kidby, 47, an Australian. The second plane had already landed in Jakarta when told by the Vimy pilots about the crash. "Pilots on the second plane were told by the pilots on the ground that they were going to repair the aircraft ... the repairs are expected to take four days," Mr Adi said.

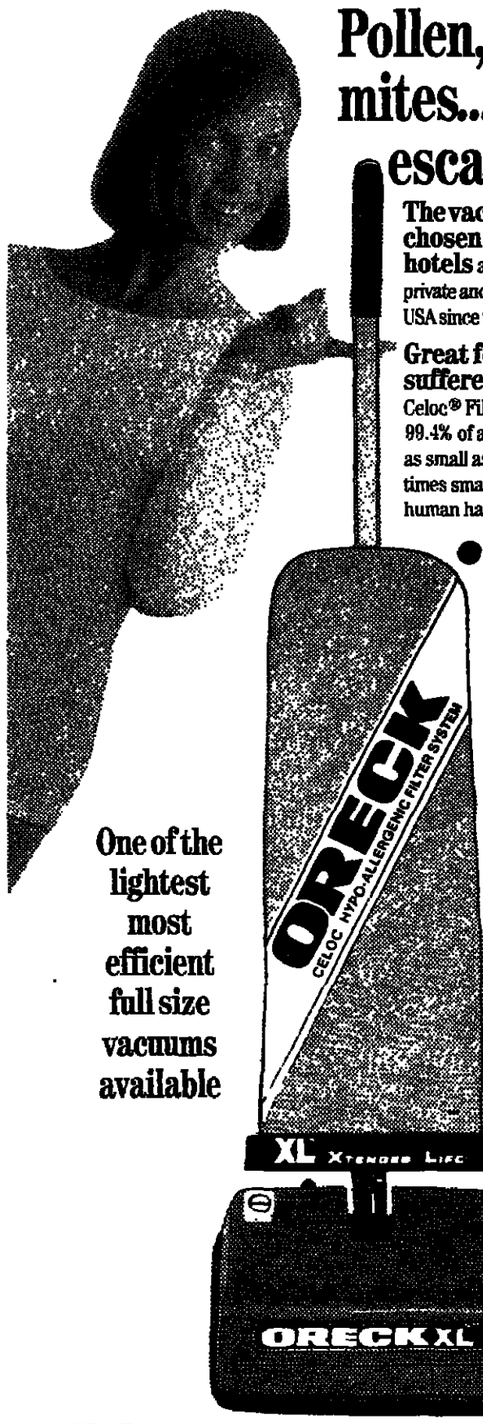
The *Shell Spirit of Brooklands Vimy* is claimed to be the biggest flying copy of an aeroplane ever built. It set off from Farnborough Air Show on September 11 to retrace the original 28-day flight made by the brothers Ross and Keith Smith.

The Smiths also encountered difficulties in Indonesia. Ross recorded in his log that villagers in Java had to strip the bamboo roofs from their huts and lay them across a mud-clogged field to allow the plane to take off.

The Smiths' flight took them over France, Italy, Crete, Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Persia, India, Burma, Siam, the Federated Malay States and the Dutch East Indies. Mr McMillan and Mr Kidby are following almost the same route, although the United Nations insisted that they avoid Iraq.







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Swiss police are not convinced by cult claims that di Mambro died in massacre

Did the co-founder of Solar Temple fake his own death?

FROM BILL FROST IN GENEVA

SWISS police said they were far from convinced yesterday by claims from members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult that its co-founder was among the victims of last week's mass killing.

Six witnesses have "positively identified" one of the bodies as that of Joseph di Mambro, a 70-year-old French Canadian. His wife Jocelyne, the sect's "business manager", was also said to be among the victims.

The evidence that di Mambro was among those who died in two chalets at Les Granges-sur-Salvan in Switzerland centred on the girth of the corpse, a signet ring on its right little finger, and a copper bracelet around the left wrist.

Swiss police said: "The body they identified was very badly burnt indeed — the face no longer existed. Who is to say that di Mambro did not place the ring and the bracelet on the body after injecting the victim? Some of the cult members have a vested interest in disrupting our inquiries. So, the hunt goes on."

In another twist to the story, French police said yesterday they had received by post a package containing the passport of Joseph and Jocelyne di Mambro.

Di Mambro's 25-year-old son, who lives in Switzerland, has also disappeared. He reportedly told friends last week that he was "going to Italy with my dad".



Di Mambro: warrants issued for his arrest



Tony Dutoit: found dead with his wife and child

Arrest warrants were issued last week for di Mambro and Luc Jouret, a 46-year-old Belgian doctor and co-founder of the order, after the killing of 48 of their followers at a farmhouse at Cheiry and two chalets at Les Granges-sur-Salvan. It has subsequently emerged that gullible cult members were duped into funding an international gun-running operation. Jouret and di Mambro are also thought to have laundered drug money for Mafia "families". Profits from heroin deals in Canada and elsewhere were ploughed into gun-running, with huge profits then being used for legitimate business transactions.

André Pieller, the Swiss judge in charge of the investigation, said yesterday that "piles of documents" on the order's financial transactions were being examined. Promising "huge surprises to come", he said there were "extremely perplexing elements" which "we cannot understand at the moment".

More details emerged yesterday on the execution of 23 cult followers, French, Canadian and Swiss nationals, at Cheiry near Fribourg. One victim had been shot in the head eight times at point-blank range and a plastic bag placed over her head. Two other women had also been shot many times before being hooded.

Swiss police confirmed that they were searching for a third leading member of the cult. Camille Pilet, 68, a salesman, was described as a very close associate of di Mambro and Jouret. Pilet is known to have often travelled to Panama at a time when the country was a centre for international arms dealers and drug traffickers.

In Ottawa, Pierre Tourangeau, a specialist on cult groups who had disclosed the Order of the Solar Temple's links to the arms trade and money laundering, was put under police protection yesterday after two former cult members who talked to the news media had received anonymous telephone threats to their lives.

Gill Robinson, mother of Nikki Dutoit, 30, the only British victim, believes her daughter was murdered after leaving the cult. Nikki and her Swiss husband Tony, 35, had dissociated themselves from the groups in Canada and Switzerland "when they became uneasy about the way they were developing", she said.



Nikki Dutoit with her son Christopher: both stabbed to death

'Heil Hitler' health chief refuses to quit

A HEALTH service official who said "Heil Hitler" to an elderly German psychiatric patient has written to her unreservedly apologising — but is refusing to resign.

The move by Tom Pindar, chairman of Scarborough NHS Trust in North Yorkshire, came as David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, called on him to quit. The Mental Health Act Commission had ordered Mr Pindar, 66, to apologise to the 68-year-old schizophrenic after he gave her the Nazi greeting during a meeting to discuss a possible hospital release. A spokesman for Scarborough NHS Trust said Mr Pindar had written a letter of unreserved apology to the patient but he had no intention of resigning.

"It was an off-the-cuff comment and no harm was intended, but he obviously regretted saying it. He does not feel this is a resignation issue," the spokesman said.

Mr Blunkett insisted he should step down and said: "Mr Pindar's remarks are totally unacceptable for someone in his position."

Royal claret sells for £10,840

BY JOHN SHAW

A MAGNUM of claret, once held in the Queen Mother's cellar at Glamis Castle in Tayside, sold for £10,840 in a weekend auction at Sotheby's in New York.

It was a Château Lafite 1870, considered a supreme wine and one of the best of all pre-phylloxera vintages. It went to an agent at the upper range of the £6,000-£13,000 estimate. The Queen Mother had sold 40 magnums for a total of £3,180 at Christie's in 1971.

The bottle was one of the highlights of a sale in which wine fever hit New York. It was Sotheby's inaugural wine auction there and it took £984,211, well above the estimate, with buyers for 965 of the 1,067 lots.

The event was organised in connection with Sherry-Lehmann, a local wine specialist and at $1.56 million the total broke the $1 million price barrier for commercial wine sales. There were bidders from all over the world, many who had flown in for the event.

The top lot was a case of 12 Château Petrus 1961, one of the greatest vintages, which set a new auction record of £18,790. A case of 12 Château Cheval Blanc 1947 doubled its low estimate to go for £13,730 and a jeroboam of Château Mouton Rothschild 1961 was also bid well above expectations to £7,230.

Serena Sutcliffe, head of Sotheby's wine department in London, said: "Bordeaux reigns supreme in New York as it does in London. Wine lovers everywhere still wish to cellar and drink fine Bordeaux more than any other fine wine."

Falcon makes a meal of rare pink pigeon

ONE of the world's rarest falcons, rescued from near-extinction by a wildlife charity, has eaten one of the world's rarest pigeons, the charity said yesterday.

The Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, founded by the zoologist and author Gerald Durrell, said the drama took place on the Ile Aux Aigrettes, off the coast of Mauritius. The falcon was a Mauritius kestrel, whose numbers in the wild 18 years ago had fallen to just four and which was the world's rarest bird. But a breeding programme has now raised its numbers to 250.

In the last 12 years, the trust also ran a breeding programme to increase the numbers of Mauritius pink pigeons, which were dying out due to deforestation and the introduction to the island of predators such as monkeys.

With numbers of the pigeons now up to 250, the trust has begun to reintroduce them to the wild and in April it released the birds on the Ile Aux Aigrettes. But as the chicks hatched, the kestrel swooped down and ate one of the young.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Diocese forbids polished graves

The diocese of Hereford has banned polished gravestones from its churchyards. The ban, introduced by the Chancellor of the diocese, Judge Jonathan Henty, takes effect from December. The Bishop of Ludlow, the Rt Rev John Saxbee, said that polished headstones were "inappropriate given the nature and history of the churches in Hereford and Shropshire".

Fuel perk cut

Police drivers in North Yorkshire have been told that they cannot use the gift vouchers they receive when filling up with fuel. The vouchers will be used to buy items for the force, which spends £700,000 a year on fuel.

Car troubles

Almost 25 per cent of second-hand cars are sold with mechanical problems, according to an RAC survey. The main faults were with the engine (36 per cent), gearbox (16 per cent) and brakes (14 per cent).

Fatal fall

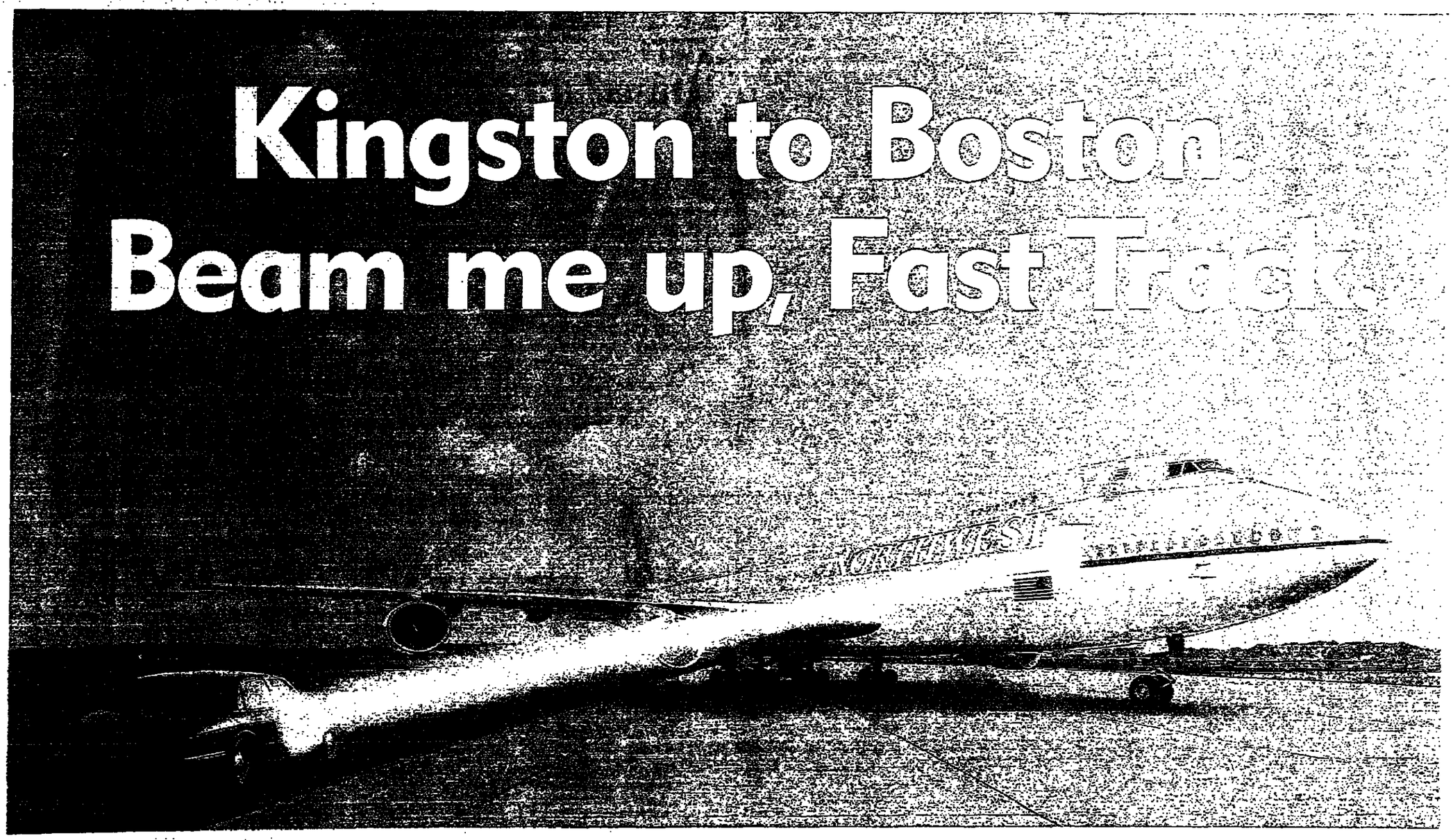
A woman died yesterday after plunging 90ft from a tower block. Christine Graham, 21, fell from a ninth-floor balcony in Nechells, Birmingham. Police said that she was trying to escape from a man wielding a knife.

Prison baby

Sylvia Panter, 27, a Wren from Camberley, Surrey, who was jailed for 18 months for deserting *HMS Invincible* and for theft with her married lover, has given birth to a boy at Askham Grange prison near York.

Sailor dies

Police in Shetland are investigating the death of a Russian seaman, Alexandr Moralin, a crewmember of the *Kazan*, a fishing vessel berthed in Lerwick.



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Republicans bank on populist platform to exploit Clinton's popularity slump

Dispirited Democrats head for mid-term crash

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

■ The President has been unable to push a programme of radical change through the Democrat-controlled Congress. Election defeats next month would weaken his position further

IN THE autumn of 1992, Bill Clinton was being acclaimed as the saviour of his party, the "New Democrat" who had finally laid the ghost of Jimmy Carter and recaptured the White House after three consecutive Republican victories.

George Bush won the lowest share of the vote of any Republican presidential nominee in 28 years. The Republican Party was in a shambles. Democratic strategists were talking giddily of winning over Ross Perot's 19 million supporters to cement a new era of unbroken Democratic rule stretching well into the 21st century.

Just two years later, the picture looks utterly different. President Clinton has become one of the most unpopular presidents since polling began. One-party rule, with the Democrats controlling the Senate and the House of Representatives, has failed to produce the radical change voters demanded. Four weeks from today, barring some dramatic development such as war with Iraq, demoralised Democrats face a drubbing in the mid-term congressional elections.

The Republicans could well seize control of the Senate, and could possibly capture the House for the first time since 1954. The loss of either chamber would cripple Mr Clinton's presidency. With the Republican Robert Dole as Senate majority leader, or the even more partisan Newt Gingrich as House Speaker, his chances of getting any radical new legislation enacted during his second two years would be remote. There are also 36 governors' races on November 8. Polls suggest the Republicans could win all of America's half-dozen biggest states. This would further erode Mr Clinton's 1996 re-election chances because in presidential poll years governors can swing powerful statewide organisations behind their party's nominee. There are 35 Senate races, and Republicans need to gain seven of the 22 seats the Democrats are defending. All 435 House seats are being contested, and the Republicans need to capture 40 of the 256 presently held by Democrats.

Since the Second World War, the opposition party has enjoyed an average gain of four Senate and 26 House seats in mid-term elections, but the auguries for the Republicans this year could hardly be better.

Mr Clinton is a huge drag on his party's candidates, particularly in the conservative South where he is widely seen as a liberal who won office by masquerading as a moderate. Since his inauguration the Democrats have not won a single major election. The Republicans should benefit from America's profound hostility towards Washington's political establishment which the Democrats, as the party of government, can no longer dissociate themselves from. Indeed the public mood is so sour that even such luminaries as Tom Foley, the House Speaker, Senator Edward Kennedy, of Massachusetts, and Mario Cuomo, New York's Governor, face defeat, while voters are rallying behind candidates such as Marion Barry in Washington DC, or Virginia's Oliver North, both of whom have criminal convictions.

Mr Clinton is receiving no credit for America's resurgent economy. The Republicans should be further helped by boundary changes, Mr Perot's support, and the fact that those who hate Mr Clinton are far more motivated than his dispirited supporters.

The Grand Old Party has done little to deserve all this good fortune. Its greatest achievement has been to block much of Mr Clinton's legislative agenda, most notably healthcare reform, leaving Democrats only a meagre record of accomplishment on which to run. They had pursued a strategy of "stop it, slow it, kill it or just talk it to death", Mr Clinton complained bitterly last week.

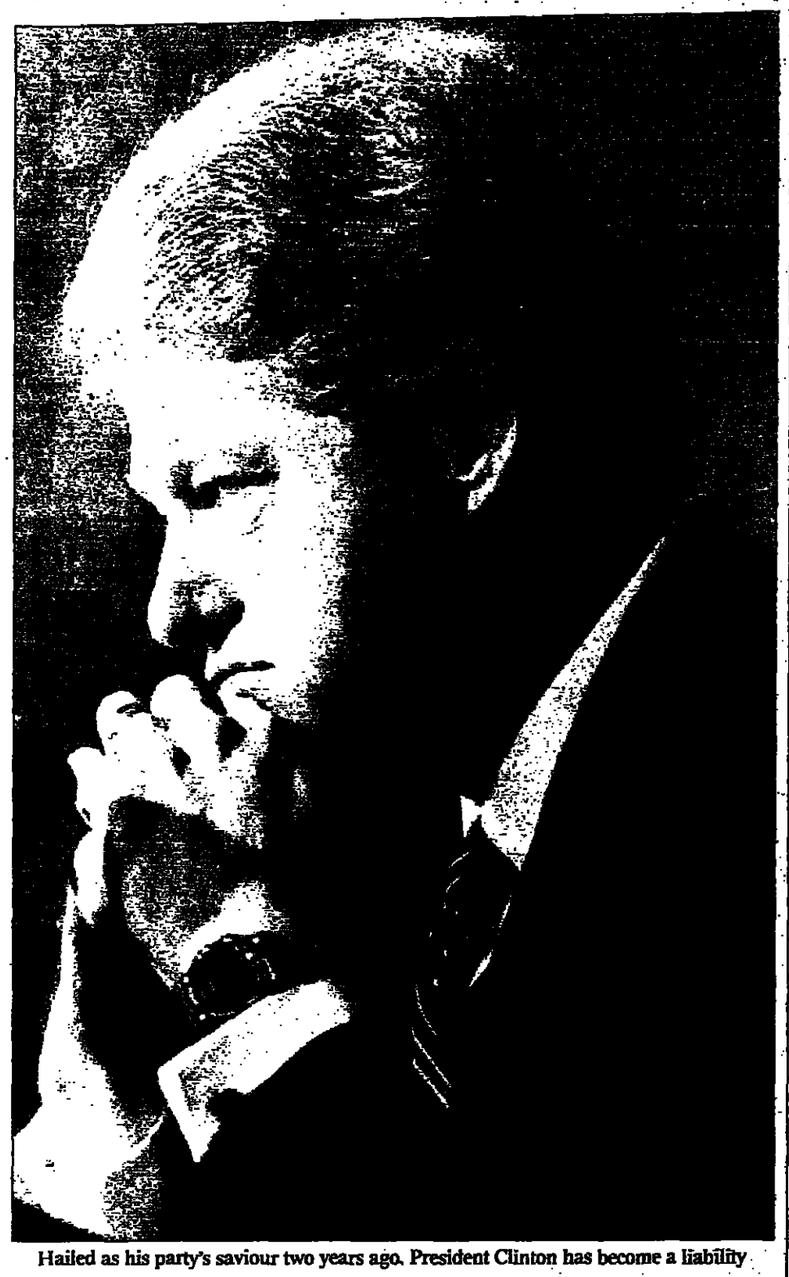
Republican candidates have themselves united behind a shamelessly populist platform of warmed-over Reaganesque gimmicks such as tax cuts, smaller government, stronger defence and a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget. Such is the Republicans' lust for victory that party leaders, abandoning their scruples, are now rushing to campaign for the infamous Mr North because he could well defeat Charles Robb, Virginia's incumbent Democratic senator.

Polls show Republicans level or ahead in as many as 12 Democratic Senate seats. Besides Mr Robb and Edward Kennedy, the Republicans' other main target is California's Dianne Feinstein, whose opponent, Michael Huffington, is spending up to $20 million (£13 million) of his own money trying to defeat her. California also has the most important governor's race. Pete Wilson, the Republican incumbent, has fought back from a seemingly hopeless position against Kathleen Brown, daughter and sister of former governors, and will be a strong contender for the Republicans' 1996 presidential election if he wins.

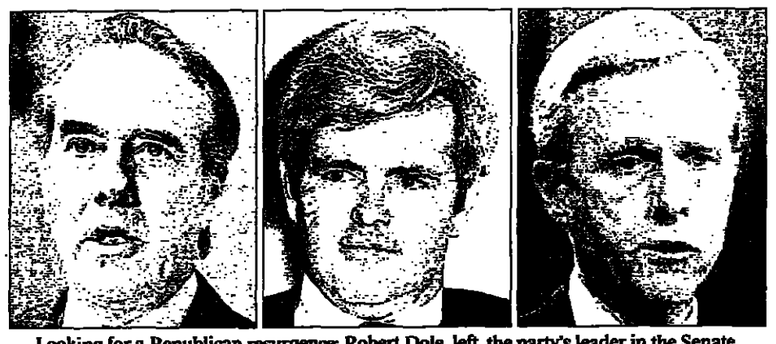
The Republicans have high hopes of snatching the second, third and fourth largest states too. George W. Bush and Jeb Bush, sons of the former President, are well placed to defeat Ann Richards and Lawton Chiles in Texas and Florida, while Mr Cuomo is trailing his Republican challenger, George Pataki, in New York.

However, not all analysts believe losing Congress would be a disaster for Mr Clinton. A few argue that the President could make a Republican-controlled Congress the scapegoat for America's problems in 1996. Harry Truman saw the Republicans capture both houses in 1946, but scraped home in 1948 by campaigning against a "good-for-nothing, do-nothing Congress".

Indeed, these analysts believe the worst outcome would be for the Democrats narrowly to hold both houses. The Republicans could then enjoy effective control by making common cause with conservative Democrats, but receive none of the opprobrium for the ensuing gridlock.



Hailed as his party's saviour two years ago, President Clinton has become a liability



Looking for a Republican resurgence: Robert Dole, left, the party's leader in the Senate, Newt Gingrich, a would-be House Speaker, and Pete Wilson, Governor of California

Threat to Joseph Kennedy

Denver: A woman obsessed with Joseph Kennedy, a congressman and son of the late Robert Kennedy, threatened to kill him after he ignored 16 passionate letters she wrote to him, a Colorado court was told. Melissa Keely, 27, admitted making the threats, saying she had fallen in love with Mr Kennedy, 42, when she lived in Boston. (AFP)

Haitian leaders 'to quit today'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE Haitian military leader, Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, and Brigadier-General Philippe Biamby, the army chief of staff, were said yesterday to be preparing to resign today.

The reports cited Haitian military sources and followed two sets of secretive talks on Saturday. General Cédras met William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, and John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in Port-au-Prince, and five Haitian military emissaries met Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled President, in Washington. The Clinton Administration declined to confirm the resignation reports.

General Cédras and General Biamby must step down by Saturday in order to comply with the agreement brokered by Jimmy Carter, the former US President, but their precarious position may have prompted the two men to leave earlier. Thousands of Aristide supporters surrounded their headquarters last Friday and the Haitian parliament refused to grant them a comprehensive amnesty. "He's probably losing it," Lieutenant-General Hugh Shelton, the commander of American forces in Haiti, said of General Cédras.

If the head of the junta does resign today, he would be replaced by Brigadier-General Jean-Claude Duperval, his nominal second-in-command. Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Michel François, the Haiti police chief, has already fled to the Dominican Republic, but it is not yet clear whether his colleagues in the junta will also choose to leave the country.

Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, said yesterday that he could not confirm the reports "at this point". Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said that General Cédras "clearly will be gone by next Saturday".

Mr Aristide is due to return to Haiti on Saturday after more than three years in exile, and Mr Christopher said he was confident that would now happen. "The transition is moving rapidly. Indeed, it's picking up pace," he said.

Hutus killed patients in mental hospital

FROM REUTER IN KIGALI

HUTU soldiers and death squads killed almost all the 750 mentally handicapped patients in Rwanda's main psychiatric hospital last April, aid workers said.

The massacre took place after the assassination of President Habyarimana plunged the country into an orgy of bloodshed, which continued until the government was overthrown in July. Details of the massacre are coming to light only now, José Anseilmo, of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said. "The patients did not understand what was happening. They started to wander around, singing, with their hands in the air." Marianne Nujawayezu, a hospital assistant said. Little is now left of the Ndera Pyschiatric Centre, eight miles from Kigali, which had been run by the Belgian religious order Frères de la Charité.

Miss Nujawayezu said the hospital was besieged for four days after the Belgian priests were evacuated. Soldiers and death squads "fired at the hospital from outside and threw grenades over the walls into the courtyard", she said.

Colony's festivities stir anger in Peking

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE latest squabble between Britain and China over Hong Kong concerns what Chinese everywhere call Double Ten (October 10), when celebrations are held to mark the establishment in 1911 of the Republic of China.

Sir Len Appleyard, Britain's Ambassador to China, has been summoned to the Foreign Ministry to listen to a denunciation of the Hong Kong government's permission for a Taiwan-oriented cultural association here to hold a Double Ten celebration in the colony's cultural centre.

Peking accuses Britain of violating its "one China" policy by issuing the licence. Sir Len has said that the group holding the celebration is legally constituted, and granting it a licence is unconnected to British foreign policy. But over the weekend, Lu Ping, China's most senior official with responsibility for Hong Kong, said that the permission was "a provocation ... and will definitely affect relations".

Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, bluntly reminded Peking last week that the organisation holding the celebration is legal.

While criticising Britain for permitting the Double Ten celebrations, Mr Lu also called on Hong Kong to reopen the bidding for building the new container terminal. China says that Jardines, the leading contractor, received approval because of its political support for Mr Patten.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Language riots cost 22 lives

Delhi: The south Indian city of Bangalore has been torn by language riots that claimed 22 lives. Much of the city has been under a shoot-on-sight curfew since Friday (Christopher Thomas writes).

The violence was triggered by the introduction of a ten-minute Urdu-language news bulletin each evening on local broadcasts of Doordarshan, the government-controlled television station. Urdu, almost identical in its spoken form to Hindi, is perceived as the language of Muslims. Hindu activists yesterday called off the campaign after the Urdu broadcast stopped.

Japan tremor

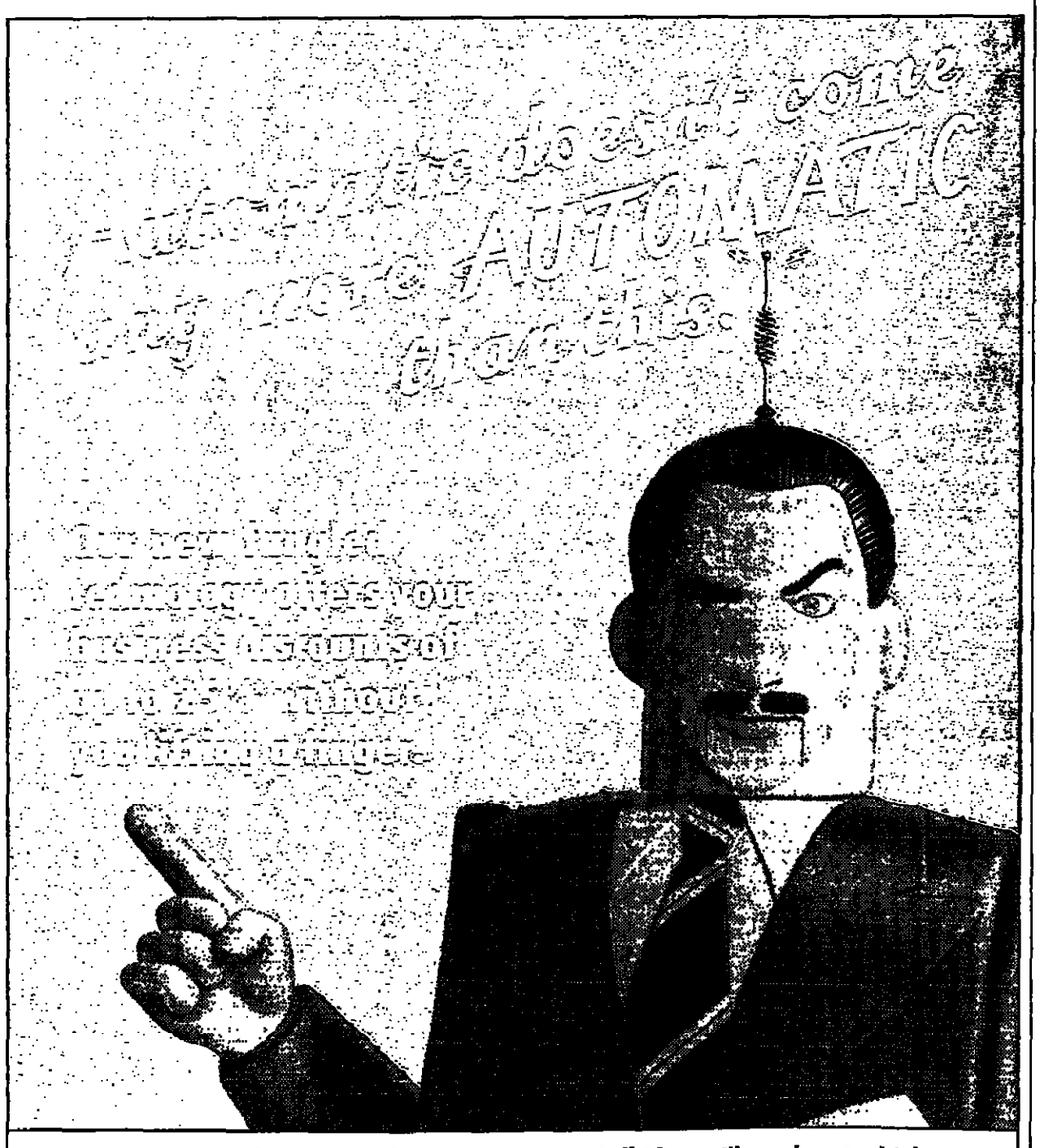
Tokyo: A powerful underwater aftershock — 7.3 on the Richter scale — in the area of northern Japan damaged by last week's earthquake caused brief panic and tidal wave warnings. *(Reuter)*

CIA cash claim

New York: The CIA supported the Liberal Democratic Party, which dominated Japanese politics, with millions of dollars in a covert Cold War operation during the 1950s and 1960s, *The New York Times* reported. *(Reuter)*

Power project

Tokyo: Rolls-Royce will take part with Westinghouse Electric of the US and Canada's Hydro Quebec in a £2 billion Japanese project for generating electricity with hydrogen power by 2020. *(AFP)*



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FROM ROGER JOYES IN BONN

GERMAN ELECTION

IF THE Social Democrats take power in Germany next week there will be no drive to create a "hardcore" or a fast track Europe, a leading opposition politician emphasised in an interview yesterday.

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul — earmarked as Minister for Europe in a Social Democrat-led government — told *The Times* that she was sceptical about plans for a more deeply integrated Europe. Her comments were supposed to reassure British politicians who fear that a Social Democrat-Green administration, a possible replacement for the present coalition after next Sunday's vote, will be even more committed to a federal Europe than Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor.

The red-haired politician, known since her student days as "Red Heidi", was damning about Wolfgang Schäuble, the Christian Democrat Europe strategist, who has advocated a continental "hardcore" in which Germany and France would dominate. Herr Schäuble, she said, was a "tactical xenophobe" and his policy paper was "implicitly racialist since it divided Europe into two classes". The Social Democrats would insist on "the principled equality of every European member".

Neither Herr Schäuble's plans, nor any other, were likely to mature before 1996 since the debate would have to be more carefully prepared than the Maastricht arguments. "Maastricht was conducted undemocratically, the people were pushed aside. Another Maastricht, and Europe will be destroyed". Frau Wieczorek-Zeul's emphasis on national parliamentary control will hearten British Euro-sceptics. "We are against any kind of automaticity in the integration process — until we have a genuinely federal European state, parliaments must . . . be able to control events."

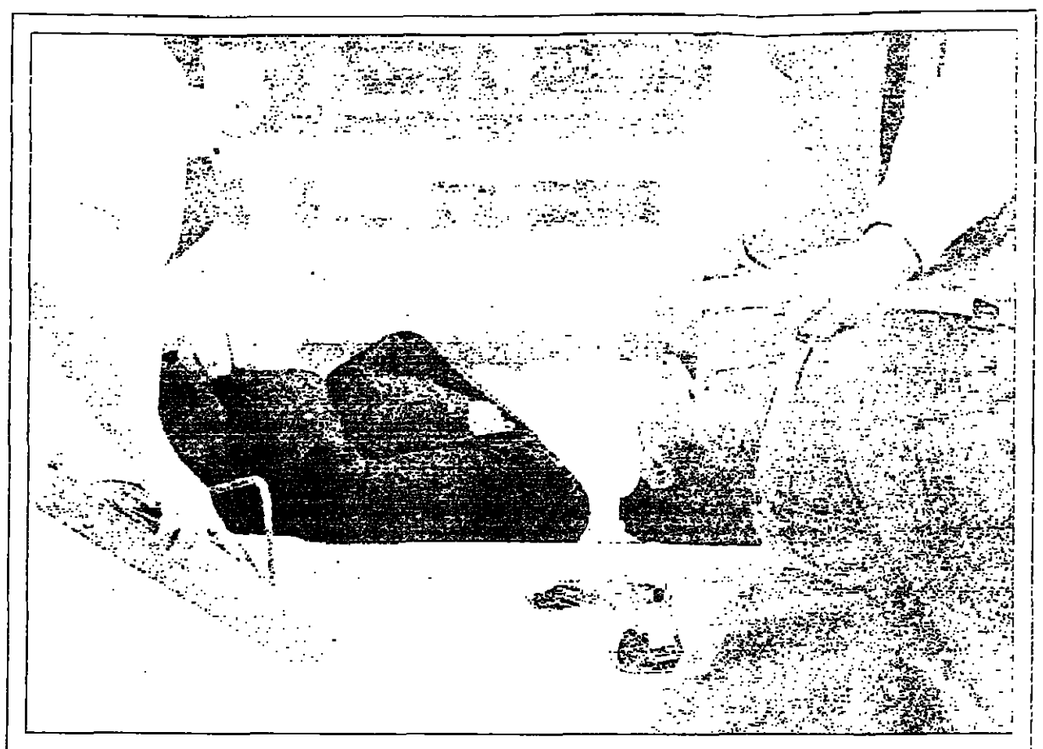
The aim of a Social Democrat government, she said, would be to exploit the Maastricht treaty as it stands. "Maastricht actually ensures that there cannot be a federal Europe — rather it creates the basis for a new kind of community of states that does not really match the idea of a federal union."

But despite these reassurances, a Germany with Rudolf Scharping as Chancellor would be something of an irritant to the British Government and the Euro-sceptics. Frau Wieczorek-Zeul emphasised that she wants the Nordic countries seeking EU entry to be brought fully into the 1996 Maastricht follow-up debate. The reason is they share the German Social Democrats' European agenda — stronger moves towards women's equality, environmental and consumer protection, a more interventionist approach to easing unemployment. "I would certainly like to have Britain sign up for the Social Charter," she said.

Perhaps the states most disturbed by the prospect of a Social Democrat-Green government are the Central European aspirants to the EU. Germany under Herr Kohl has presented itself as the chief advocate of Central European entry. Frau Wieczorek-Zeul is far more cautious. "We have to be very precise about what we can offer Central and Eastern Europe. On structural funds and agricultural policy, we cannot promise anything — that would not be honest."

A left-leaning government would move against "social dumping" — the influx of unregulated labour from Eastern Europe — but would push harder for more open markets. "If you stop people coming, then you must open markets for their exports."

☐ **Kohl plans:** Herr Kohl confirmed he would serve a full four-year term if victorious but would not run again in 1998. He caused confusion at a press conference on Friday by slurring the word "not" when discussing his plans. *(Reuter)*



Princess thrown from horse

Princess Haya, the daughter of King Husain of Jordan, on her way to hospital in Hiroshima yesterday after being thrown from her horse at the Asian Games. She spent two hours in hospital before being released with only a headache and bruises. The princess, 20, was competing in the final round of the individual jumping event when her horse misjudged the water jump, causing her to lose control and fall. Doctors had suspected she might have broken her right leg and a rib but a scan revealed no fractures. *(Reuter)*

Koreans impress, page 31

Far Right looks for Austrian poll gains

FROM REUTER IN VIENNA

AUSTRIANS began voting yesterday in one of their most unpredictable general elections of recent years, with a possible swing to the right opening the prospect of a political realignment.

Opinion polls in the affluent Alpine republic, which voted in a June referendum to join the European Union in January, showed a distinct slump in the fortunes of the two biggest parties, which govern in a grand coalition, and a rise in support for the far Right.

Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor and leader of the long-dominant Social Democratic Party, said he had to take seriously the risk that the conservative People's Party, his coalition allies, could desert him. However, polls suggest that Dr Vranitzky, seeking his third four-year term at the helm, remains first choice for Chancellor.

Most analysts thought the coalition would survive, albeit with a reduced majority. Some Social Democrats suspected, however, that the conservatives and the far Right were already discussing other options in secret.

Pre-election surveys showed more than one million of the country's nearly 5.8 million registered voters were still undecided before the polls opened. Turnout was expected to be traditionally high, at about 85 per cent.

The possibility of a swing to the right, in the form of a new coalition of the People's Party and far-right Freedom Party led by Jörg Haider, exists. Herr Haider's party, forecast to win up to 22 per cent of the vote, is one of the strongest far-right movements in Western Europe. In June, he campaigned against the terms of EU membership for Austria.

The conservatives played down suggestions that Herr Haider could be their governing partner, pointing to his party's xenophobic-sounding policies and anti-EU stand.

Rose tries to soothe Bosnia on airstrikes

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, moved yesterday to restore relations with the Bosnian government which have been badly impaired.

General Rose denied that he had threatened Bosnian government forces with airstrikes in an attempt to clear them out of the demilitarised zone outside Sarajevo. He said: "I would not threaten with airstrikes a recognised member of the UN, which is the Bosnian Government."

The general, whose interview was published in the Sarajevo daily *Oslobodjenje*, also said: "It is a fact that we as the UN cannot be impartial because this is about a recognised member of the UN who has been attacked and whose nation has become a victim."

On Thursday, Bosnian government troops killed 16 Serb soldiers and four women nurses after infiltrating the UN demilitarised zone south of Sarajevo. After the attack UN forces and Nato aircraft pushed out 520 Bosnian soldiers who were dug in inside the zone. That move and a UN charge, later retracted, that the dead Serbs had been mutilated, led to a furious accusation of bias from the Bosnian government.

It was reported yesterday that the Bosnian Serbs, the Bosnian government and the UN are to form a joint commission to inspect the demilitarised zone.

On Friday, Nato asked the UN to rewrite the airstrike rules to allow a tougher and swifter response to any infractions by the Bosnian Serbs.

Sarajevo airport reopened yesterday to UN and humanitarian flights after having been closed for a day, after two aircraft were shot at while on the ground.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Painting stolen in break-in

Amsterdam: A painting attributed to Rembrandt, the 17th-century Dutch master, was stolen from the artist's former home in Amsterdam early yesterday. Police said the stolen work is a small oil painting on a wooden panel entitled "Bearded Man", thought to have been painted in 1647.

Police said the thief entered the museum by smashing a front window with a heavy hammer which he left at the scene of the crime. In July, two paintings by Rembrandt's tutor, Pieter Lastman, were stolen after a break-in at the same museum, which exhibits etchings and sketches and attracts some 150,000 visitors a year. It was the artist's home from 1639 to 1668. *(Reuter)*

Language row

Brussels: More than seven million Belgians voted in local elections yesterday, which were marred by renewed Flemish-French linguistic tension in the eastern town of Fourons. *(Reuter)*

Aids revenge

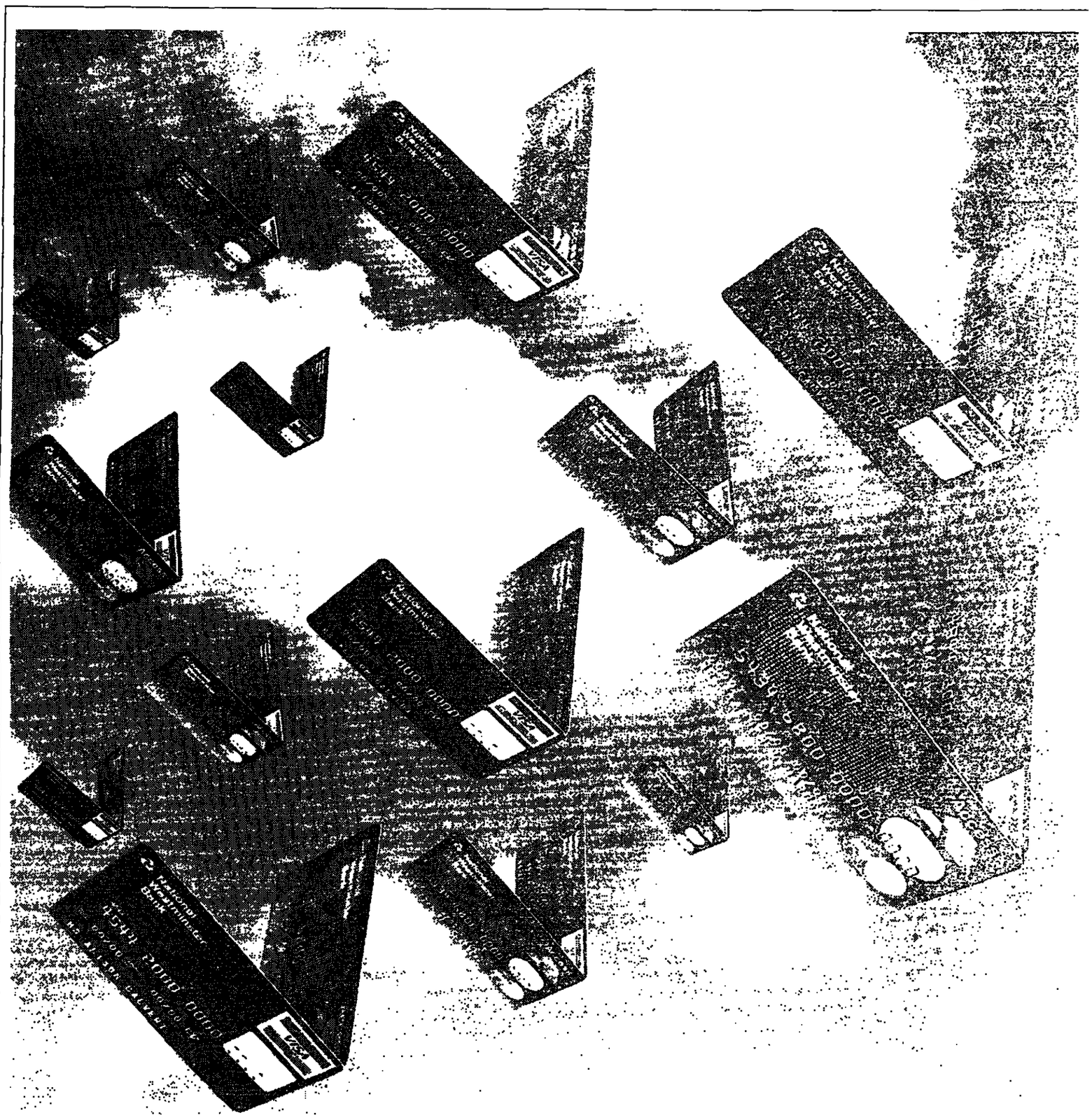
Athens: A Greek Aids carrier has gone into hiding with her baby after allegations that she slept with 100 men out of a desire to take revenge for being infected with HIV by her lover.

Killer hailed

Kiryat Arba: Jewish extremists are building a memorial in his home settlement here to Baruch Goldstein, who shot dead 29 Muslims in a Hebron mosque in February before being killed. *(AFP)*

Papal order

Rome: The Pope ended the Roman Catholic "Year of the Family" by reminding about 150,000 people in St Peter's Square that the Church regarded marriage vows as "indissoluble". *(AP)*



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POP

With a new album to tout, Nanci Griffith mixes folk roots and country instincts *in her Albert Hall show*

GIG: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



DANCE

Picasso's designs take pride of place as Birmingham Royal Ballet revives *The Three Cornered Hat*

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THEATRE

Sid Field reincarnate? David Suchet plays the comic genius, as *What A Performance* comes into the West End

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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** on ENO's exuberant Massenet revival; plus Janáček in Cardiff

DONALD COOPER



Revolve revolving, skirts swirling, heels stamping: Ian Judge's production gives you the feeling that you might have strayed by mistake into the Palladium for a gala fiesta

Knight of pure spectacle

Don Quixote
Coliseum

IF YOU go down to the Coliseum one night over the next month, you're in for a big surprise. If, that is, you have always thought of Massenet's *Don Quixote* opera as a thing of autumnal tints, of melancholy and gentle sentiment, of regret at the passing of — how to put it? — traditional values and their replacement by something approaching yob culture. But since *Don Quichotte* (1910), finest fruit of the composer's Monte Carlo Indian Summer and composed in his 68th year, has not been professionally performed here since 1912, you may have thought none of these things.

Nevertheless, the brilliant Day-Glo colours of John Gunter's sets and Deirdre Clancy's costumes come as a bit of a shock, and for much of the first act of Ian Judge's vivacious English National Opera production — revolve revolving, skirts swirling, heels stamping and hordes of dancers giving us the full eyes and teeth — you feel you might have strayed by mistake into the Palladium for a gala fiesta ("Hot Nights in Benidorm") sponsored by the Spanish Tourist Board. Judge's *Quichotte* is, for much of the time, a great big West End show.

And as with his best work, it is very well done, zingily theatrical, beautifully organised, utterly professional. Everything *works*: the battle with the windmills duly stops the show, and Quichotte's and Sancho's decrepit steeds win all hearts — tricycles with *animated horse's heads that threaten* to upstage everyone with their antics and stop just short of being terminally cute. Just. Two flamenco dancers, though, doing duty as alter egos of the protagonists, are beyond dispute terminally irritating.

Quichotte, in a way an anticipation of *The Blue Angel*, is about the collision of two worlds, that of the courtly, dotty old Knight and the other of La Belle Dulcinée, no tavern wench as in Cervantes, but a tart with a heart and a demanding clientele. There is an autobiographical subtext: in his declining years Massenet was being given the run-around by Lucy Arbell, the tough little Scottish mezzo for whom he wrote Dulcinée, and he composed their scenes together with some feeling. At the Coliseum, Quichotte and Sancho are presented utterly traditionally, as if out of Doré, but by giving Dulcinée and her entourage the Palladium treatment, you are left shyly wondering how these two worlds ever met in the first place.

For much of the time you are *prevented from wondering by the* performances that Judge draws from his principals. Richard Van Allan sings the title role with a gentle, Indian-Summer eloquence that Massenet would have loved — he was impatient with Chaliapin's barn-storming at the premiere — and catches the old man's essential dignity and fey otherworldliness to a tee. The schoolmasterly quelling of the bandits, rueful leavetaking of Dulcinée and the potentially yucky death scene are quite faultlessly handled.

Alan Opie's roly-poly Sancho is hugely lovable, and Louise Winter's deliciously brazen Dulcinée — more Rita Hayworth than, say, Arletty — is strongly, youthfully sung. But the trump card is the British debut of the young French conductor Emmanuel Joel, *who understands the sweetly* perfumed idiom, breathes with it, and is not afraid of sentiment. He gets subtle playing from the ENO orchestra, and once he is familiar with the Coliseum's tricky acoustics he may adjust the balance so that even more of Edmund Tracey's unobtrusively skilful new translation comes across.

A smashing evening out, then, and one that would be even more smashing if all the dancers were sent home. But I'm not sure the heart beats quite strongly enough.

There's life in the old girl yet

The Makropoulos Case
New Theatre, Cardiff

EMILIA Marty in Janáček's late work *The Makropoulos Case* is opera's oldest diva. She claims to be 337 when she hangs up her tiara and welcomes death. The acid double point made by Janáček — and by Capek in the original play from which he fashioned his own libretto — is that long life does not bring happiness, and experience produces not wisdom but an empty shell. Marty under her various aliases leaves a trail of victims behind her. She is a very ancient singer and a pretty nasty one too.

All this is suggested with considerable subtlety by Josephine Barstow in a revival of David Pountney's Welsh National Opera production, first seen in 1978. The cynical chill surrounding *The Makropoulos Case* will never make it a popular opera, but an actress-soprano of Barstow's calibre can make it much more than a curiosity.

She is all operatic airs and graces as Emilia sweeps into a Prague lawyer's office, where a century-long legal battle is about to be settled. Emilia, of course, knows just what went on a hundred years ago.

Barstow's voice sails easily over Janáček's spiky score and, sometimes spooky score and, like all the best sopranos, she turns in a telling death scene.

The performance, though, has one serious flaw: few of the words are audible. Janáček compressed his libretto as tightly as his music, and missed phrases are going to confuse those who have not been here before. Pountney, back to supervise his clever staging, has to work double time to draw a few mocking laughs from the audience.

He has much more success with an exceptionally strong supporting cast, all of whom articulate to perfection. Both litigant-suitors are outstanding: Kim Begley all honest ardour as Gregor and Donald Maxwell full of aristo starch as the disappointed Baron. Nigel Douglas, a survivor *from 1978, is gloriously flam*boyant as a half-mad admirer, the only man who can get a spark from Emilia.

Maria Bjornson's sets radiate decay: dusty lawyers' files, sad and abandoned opera scenery and, finally, Emilia's own accumulated lumber. David Robertson is highly adept at bringing out the eclectic side of Janáček's taut score, where lyrical outbursts are punctuated by snorts of derision from the wind.

JOHN HIGGINS

Connoisseurs' collection

RECITAL

Anne-Sophie Mutter
Barbican

MUTTER conquered, but not quite as usual. *Richard Morrison writes.* This recital was superb but stern. Two long, intense sonatas — Beethoven's in G, Op 96, and Schumann's *in D minor, Op 121* — were given the kind of detailed reading that lets not a single note slip by without nuance. And what nuance! Mutter's range of timbres and techniques grows more daring by the year. Nevertheless, there was no sense of razzle-dazzle here. These were performances for connoisseurs.

So was the British premiere of Sebastian Currier's *Aftersong*. Currier is a new name to me (he teaches at the Juilliard School in New York). If all his pieces are as emotionally charged and ingenious in their use of rethought tonality as this, give me more. Written for Mutter, and superbly delivered by her and the pianist Lambert Orkis, it comprised ten minutes of frantic movement, balanced by an eerie shadow of the same material.

The evening's only miscalculation came at the start. Stravinsky's violin suite from *Pulcinella* is a strange case of an arrangement re-arranged. *Larding it with smoochy virtu*osity blurred the aesthetic priorities even further. But how many other top violinists would dare to present a recital of such bracing variety?



Mutter: her range grows more daring each year

FESTIVAL

THE Norfolk and Norwich Festival has come into its own this year, *Hilary Finch writes.* The city is celebrating the 800th anniversary of its Charter, the 900th of its castle — and the centenary of a composer who spent the first 30 years of his life in Norfolk, E.J. Moeran.

Jack, as he was called, rescued Norfolk folk songs from oblivion. Norwich has returned the compliment by rescuing three of his own works from Antipodean darkness, though the little Overture which opened the Festival last week did little to further *his cause as a composer of* substance.

The serious listening was to come. Diana Burrell, whose strong, sensuous writing has been winning her ever bigger commissions, was born in Norwich, and the Festival was quick to book her new Viola Concerto, commissioned by the Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square and premiered by them *at the opening* concert.

The concerto's subtitle, "...calling, leaping, crying, dancing..." points to the activity of the viola itself (Jane Atkins) in its constantly changing relationship with an equally virtuoso orchestra. The structure is comparatively *simple, but the chemistry of* idea and scoring is complex. More rehearsal and further performances may set much of its teeming material into sharper relief.

POP

Blur / Pulp
Alexandra Palace

AS THE battle of the four-letter bands, it was really no contest, *David Sinclair writes.* With their pseudo-heavy metal guitar riffs, lumpy rhythms and football terrace choruses, Blur simply trampled all obstacles in sight.

From the moment they *launched into the jackbooted* stomp of "Sunday Sunday" there was pandemonium among the densely-packed crowd which threw itself towards a stage decorated with five giant lampshades to give an incongruous vision of mock-Fifties kitsch. And the assault rarely faltered. As an unabashed celebration of southern English yob culture it was unassailable.

Pulp, who played before Blur, did not excite such a Pavlovian response. Yet their set was all the more impressive for its lack of rabble-rousing tactics. They exerted a fragile charm that was both amusing and mysterious.

Much of their appeal resided in the idiosyncratic personality of singer Jarvis Cocker, whose performance imbued the show with a sense of theatre. Faced with his droll, northern wit, songs such as "His 'N' Hers", "The Common People" and a romping finale of "Babies" illuminated a sleazy strand of English romanticism. So victory to Pulp on points, despite Blur's knock-out punch at the end.

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Lights, camera, action!

Franco Zeffirelli is mixing his stage and film work with a new political career. So far, it's been trouble all the way, as **Michael Church** discovers



The recent BBC2 *Late Show* on Silvio Berlusconi was a model of its kind — politically-correct and very persuasive, a hatchet-job on an easy target. The Italian prime minister was, it declared, practically a media-Mussolini.

Advance this thesis in the *Jane Eyre* office at Ealing Studios, however, and the dissent might be heard in White City. "That programme was a terrible slander," barks the director Franco Zeffirelli, who happens to be one of Berlusconi's new senators. "The BBC started with their vision, and selected opinions to confirm it."

Does Berlusconi not embody a classic conflict of interests? "You give too much importance to that. And God knows, you in Britain have political tycoons who control the media." But Berlusconi's first act in power was to castrate the state broadcasting stations! "RAI was a gang. A pure example of what had destroyed Italy. What Silvio did was to remove that corrupt political clique, and set up a national management of competent people to run the stations. RAI 1 is now for information, RAI 2 for great debates and interviews, and RAI 3 is cultural and creative. So we now have the same sort of balance you have in Britain. Of course, Silvio still has his own TV stations, but his behaviour towards RAI was *vairy, vairy* correct."

What about his muzzling of the magistrates? "They had become a government within the government, taking over the role of parliament. And they had the press on their side." The preventive detention which the Italian magistracy instituted was, he says, an outrage.

There is, meanwhile, a court case pending in London. Zeffirelli is suing the trade magazine *Screen International* for describing him (wrongly) as a member of the neo-Fascist party. "I cannot accept to be called a Fascist. Oh yes, they have *apologised*, they have tried to sneak away, but I have them by the throat! I fought against the Fascists in the war" — indeed, he twice narrowly escaped being executed by them — "so to me that allegation is no joke. It is also damaging to my work. 'Oh, we can't employ a Fascist director' — and I lose a million and a half dollars! No, the only way to erase that thing, the only thing the Americans understand, is damages. I am sorry, but they are going to have to pay *millions and millions of pounds*."

Then he makes a surprising qualification. "The National Alliance [the group to which he was mistakenly ascribed] may be called Fascist, but they are not. They are very progressive right, full of energy and ideas, and respecters of democracy. Italy desperately needs a new left, a new way of being progressive. Not the children of the old socialists."

The real cancer, in his view, is the communist party. "They are a sterile opposition who never wanted power. They were very happy manipulating behind the scenes. Those who joined them, managers of industry, managers of theatres, pianists, conductors" — he bitterly names several — "did so for a quiet life, so that they could get on with their jobs. If you had the communists against you, you were in trouble."

Which is where he himself has mostly been. "I never had a good notice in Italy until *Hamlet* [starring Mel Gibson, in 1991]. I was not clever like Fellini, who never stated his political views, and who was loved by everybody." Fellini was one of those whose support Zeffirelli had vainly tried to enlist in a lawsuit ten years ago, in protest against the way Italian television stations butchered films to make way for ads. In his *Romeo and Juliet*, even the coitus of the balcony scene had been interrupted.

> "I was not clever like Fellini, who never stated his politics"

The owner of the guilty station was one Silvio Berlusconi. "I was very angry. I lost my temper and sued him, and won. No money involved, but he apologised publicly. Since then we have been close." Which brings Zeffirelli to the subject of a nocturnal phone call in January.

"It was Silvio. He said, 'Franco, do you realise what's going to happen?' We had just had local elections, and the communists had won practically everywhere. He said, 'I need to put together the best citizens of this country — people who have succeeded in their professional life, to do the same in parliament, to save our country.' He said Sicily was most endangered, and I had just made a film there [*The Sparrow*, based on a tale by Giovanni Verga, which opens in Britain next week]. So I said, I love the people. I've known Sicily all my life, I'll go to Catania."

Zeffirelli may have taken political leave of absence to direct Charlotte Gainsbourg and William Hurt as Jane Eyre and Rochester — "I told the party, if they elect me, they elect a director, not an ex-director" — but there's no doubting where his heart is. "That call to arms woke me up. It said, you've been selfish. Step down from your little altar, come down on the battleground. Now I am conscious of things which I had only looked at with the camera eye, telling fairy tales. I don't want to stay away from people any more. For once I am doing something useful."

His first campaign in Catania has been to set up summer camps for children from crime-ridden areas of the city. He has proposed the creation of a national network of vocational high schools. And he is working to establish a state department for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

But a fuller double life is hard to imagine. Next year he will direct *Aida* in St Petersburg, *Carmen* in Verona, and Anjelica Huston in his forthcoming film about Maria Callas. In 1996 he will direct *Turandot* in Beijing, and — by invitation from the major of Jerusalem — direct the celebrations of that city's third millennium. "I don't want any sectarian nonsense. We want to put together three great cultures: Christian, Jewish, Muslim." For the World Cup, Berlusconi persuaded Zeffirelli to represent him in Los Angeles. "That was clever of him. Otherwise 200 million people would have seen the humiliation of the president of the defeated team."

On Berlusconi, the celestial jury is out. On his member for Catania, 71 this year, the verdict should not, I think, be unfavourable.

● *The Sparrow opens in London on Friday*



SIMON WALKER

Zeffirelli: "I cannot accept to be called a Fascist. I fought the Fascists in the war"

Rimsky in a day

OVERTURES

IS THIS a record? The **Kirov Opera** from St Petersburg, will play a three-week residency in Paris next month. On the single free day, November 28, all 200 performers will fly to London, give the British premiere of Rimsky-Korsakov's opera *Kitezh* at the Barbican, return to Paris that same night, and then give both a dress rehearsal and performance of Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina* next day.

● EXPECT **Stefanie Powers** to fill one of the great screen roles — Margo Channing in *All About Eve* — when a theatrical adaptation of the film tours Britain next year. There is an unhappy precedent for this sort of venture: the recent *Rick's Bar Casablanca* in the West End, in which **Leslie Grantham** not too heroically impersonated Bogart. With *All About Eve*, though, the producers may be on firmer ground. After all, the film's competitor for the 1950 Best Picture Oscar is doing rather well on stage. Its name? *Sunset Boulevard*.

● LINGERIE hurlers in 17 towns and cities will welcome the news that **Tom Jones** is to launch his most extensive British tour in 20 years at Norwich Theatre Royal on October 25. The 26-date extravaganza is in support of his forthcoming album, *The Lead And How To Swing It*.

Meanwhile, boldly going where no musician has gone before, **Mike Oldfield** will incorporate CD-Rom technology on his album, *Songs Of Distant Earth*, due next month. On normal equipment the disc will play music inspired by the Arthur C. Clarke sci-fi novel. Rom users will be guided via computers through a futuristic landscape.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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□ **BEAUTIFUL THING** Jonathan Harvey's award-winning and touching play about teenage love, gay and straight, on a London council estate. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm.

■ **LE CID** Comedie's drama of honour and revenge, finely staged by Jonathan Kent. Excellent playing by Duncan Bell and Susan Lynch. Ranjit Bolt witty translation
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm; mat Wed 2.30pm

◪ **DR KNOCK** Opening night for Geoffrey Beevers in the title role in Jules Romains's celebrated comic satire on the medical profession and public gullibility. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633) Tonight, 7.45pm

□ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND** Tony Slattery hosts a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm

◪ **THE OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS** "Jake" and "Elwood" give two hours of soul, blues and rhythm n' blues. Lights, noise, good tunes, exhilarating stuff
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□ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight-tomorrow, 7.15pm

□ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE** David Sucher's sublimely funny performance as Sid Field. William Humble's superior stage bio of a comic genius, first staged at The Drum, Plymouth, earlier this year
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens Oct 12, 7pm

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**, Haymarket (071-930 8800) □ **Blood Brothers**, Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . □ **Buddy**, Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . ◪ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Copacabana**, Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . □ **Crazy for You**, Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**, Duchess (071-494 5070) . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe**, Lyric (071-494 5045) . ◪ **Grease**, Dominion (071-416 6060) . . □ **An Inspector Calls**, Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . □ **Lady Windermere's Fan**, Albery (071-867 1115) . ◪ **Les Misérables**, Palace (071-434 0909) . ◪ **Miss Saigon**, Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**, St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**, Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . □ **She Loves Me**, Savoy (071-836 8888) . ◪ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**, Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . □ **The Winslow Boy**, Globe (071-494 5065) . . □ **The Woman in Black**, Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12). Endearing and indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FUNNY MAN (18). Tiresome low-budget British horror comic, with Tim James as a real-life joker in the pack. Writer-director, Simon Sprackling
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LION KING (U) African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426 915683)

MINA TANNENBAUM (12). Romane Bohringer and Elsa Zylberstein enliven an uneven story of two Jewish friends in Paris. Writer-director, Martine Dugowson
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

CURRENT

BAD BOY BUBBY (18) Australian director Rolf de Heer's inventive and disturbing tale of a 35-year-old innocent at large. With Nicholas Hope
Plaza (0800 888997)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12) Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

GETTYSBURG (PG) Marathon TV-style account of the Civil War battles. No point of view, but quite impressive once the armies start fighting. With Jeff Daniels, Tom Berenger and Martin Sheen. Ronald F. Maxwell directs
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG) Hick becomes company boss. Rizzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

MR JONES (15) Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG) Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15) Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15) Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15). Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia, director, Luis Mandoki
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

◆ **WOLF** (15) Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols
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Nigel Hawkes

THESE days, the nuclear industry needs all the friends it can find. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry's regulator, last week landed a damaging blow when, in evidence to the Government's nuclear review, he dismissed the industry's case and called for the break-up of Nuclear Electric.

Not all the professors, or all the economists, are against nuclear power, however. Leaping to the industry's defence has come Professor David Pearce of University College London, the man who can fairly be described as the founder of environmental economics.

In a new paper, Professor Pearce argues that while nuclear power does have its problems, it also has clear advantages over other fuels. It emits no greenhouse gases or acid pollution, and is based on a fuel relatively less scarce than oil or gas.

"Nuclear power has to be a major fuel for the foreseeable future," Professor Pearce says. The vision of a sustainable world economy based on renewable energy has to be retained, he says, but if the aims of the Climate Change Convention and various government agreements on acid rain are going to be achieved, the role of nuclear power remains important.

Professor Pearce's report, which will be submitted to the DTI's nuclear review, was commissioned by the British Nuclear Industry Forum. While this may promote some knowing looks, he would hardly have argued the case if he didn't believe in it. He argues that a rational mix of energy sources should be based on scarcity of supply, a balanced portfolio of sources of supply, and on environmental impact.

Reliance on any one fuel, or even only a few, is extremely unwise, he says. Gas is the fuel of the moment but its rapid growth means that it will face constraints on supply, perhaps sooner than anybody expects. "Subject to their environmental impact, all energy sources must be developed," he argues. "Those sources must include nuclear power."

Meeting the demands of the Climate Convention will need non-carbon fuels, either nuclear or renewable, Professor Pearce says. By 2020, full use of nuclear power would cut Britain's output of carbon dioxide by 15-30 per cent. It would also help to meet the targets set in the second Sulphur Protocol and, more important, in further agreements likely to be made in the future to cut all sources of acid.

Could renewables replace nuclear power? To generate through the power of the wind as much of Britain's electricity as nuclear already does would mean wind farms covering 10,000 square kilometres of land. Apart from anything else, setting aside that much land that would mean slow progress through the planning system.

The bottom line, in Professor Pearce's view, is a "substantial" role for nuclear power in moving towards a renewable world. He does not venture an opinion, however, on whether that implies a continued government subsidy.

Voles in love



CAN'T a vole get any privacy? For the past few years, the sexual behaviour of the prairie and the montane vole — two species even their friends can hardly tell apart — has been under intense scientific scrutiny.

The reason is that the prairie vole is monogamous, while the montane vole practises polygamy. In both species, a brain chemical, vasopressin, is released after sexual activity. In the faithful prairie vole, vasopressin appears to elicit the bonding instinct; in the montane vole, no such change occurs.

Now Thomas Insel and colleages from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, have injected voles with radioactively-labelled vasopressin to try to understand why they respond so differently. In the Journal of Neuroscience they report that in the prairie vole the vasopressin concentrated in the thalamus and the olfactory regions of the brain, while in the montane vole it found its way to the lateral septum, a part of the brain implicated in aggression.

This extraordinary difference in brain response could have implications for understanding monogamy in other species. Dr Insel is now looking at the role of vasopressin in primates; however, he says the aim is not to come up with love potions but, he told Science, to try to understand normal social attachment. Abnormalities of vasopressin function could underlie such disabling conditions as autism, where the ability to form relationships is impaired.

Genetic jury



SIXTEEN good men and women have just spent the weekend at a conference centre in Abingdon being pumped full of information about genetic engineering in plants.

They are the members of Britain's first Consensus Conference: a lay panel, or genetic jury, whose job it will be to come to sensible conclusions about the use of new technology in agriculture and the production of food.

The panel, chosen from volunteers, is designed to be a cross-section of the general public. The Science Museum and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council are behind the scheme, which they hope will contribute to a wider public understanding of science.

So that the panellists will not be easy meat for their expert witnesses when they come to hold public hearings, they have spent two weekends being briefed on the subject. The eight men and eight women have yet to be named. Perhaps the Science Museum fears they will be lobbied by vested interests, buttonholed in the pub, or sent genetically-engineered tomatoes through the post.

The public hearings will take place in Tuke Hall, Regent's College, Regent's Park, London, November 2-4. It will cost £10 a day, or £20 for the whole conference (less for students, the unemployed or retired, more if you represent a company).

Telling little green lies?

The hole in the ozone layer has more to do with politics than deodorants, a French scientist tells **Ian Phillips**

If there is one thing Haroun Tazieff believes in, it is speaking his mind. "When I've got something to say, I say it," he asserts. In the past, France's most famous volcano expert has raged about everything from the Mafia to television presenters, but in recent years he has found a new hobby-horse — the ecological lies he believes Green politicians have invented to scare the electorate into voting for them.

One of his favourites is the disintegration of the ozone layer by the infamous CFC gases. "It's a complete lie," he told me vehemently, when we met in Paris recently. "The ozone hole is a natural hole which appears above the Antarctic at the beginning of October and has disappeared by the end of December. In Europe, I think I'm the only person to refute it, and I have never been officially contradicted, neither by ecologists nor by scientists."

Yves Cochet, spokesman for the French ecology party, Les Verts, admits: "Although the majority of scientists say that CFC gases probably have a lethal effect on the ozone layer, nothing has been proved." He adds: "We are obliged to talk of an ozone hole in the media, because then people get a very visual impression, but of course it is much more diffuse than that."

At 80, Tazieff remains as clear-thinking as ever. He argues that many of France's leading ecologists have no scientific background. A former boxer, he trained first as an agronomist and then as a geologist, which led to a lifetime study of volcanoes.

One of the founding fathers of the French ecological movement and a former minister for the prevention of major natural and technological risks, Tazieff is well qualified to talk about environmental issues. He has been adviser to most of France's environment ministers over the past decade.

Despite this he asserts that Green parties are running a "campaign of deliberate, untruthful scaremongering", and the imaginary problems they espouse have led to millions of pounds being directed towards "environmental windmills" rather than the real threats of pollution.

It seemed strange to Tazieff that an ozone hole situated above the Antarctic was blamed on CFC gases, when most deodorants were sprayed in the northern hemisphere.

He was surprised to discover an article in the 1950 *Annals of Geophysics* reporting the existence of ozone holes above Norway in 1926 — years before CFCs were even dreamt of — and was astounded to find that the hole above the Antarctic was not the recent phenomenon ecologists claimed it to be. It was actually discovered as far back as 1957, he says, by the English scientist, Gordon Dobson, but it was only in the mid-Eighties that satellite photos began to highlight it in a rather spectacular way.

Tazieff believes that these dramatic images have been used to hoodwink the public. He believes that the hole is due to the low levels of ultraviolet rays (which are necessary to produce ozone) over the Antarctic at the end of the year, and that the large and swift movements of air masses around the continent also play their part.

On September 5, 1987, there was a relatively large reduction of 0.1 per cent in the levels of ozone over a surface of three million square kilometres near the Palmer peninsula in the Antarctic. Tazieff is convinced there is no way that the CFCs could have broken down so much ozone in such a short space of time.

Even if CFCs do have an effect, he asserts that it must be an insignificant one. After all, it is alleged that it is the chlorine in the CFCs which breaks down the ozone molecules. However, only 7,500 tons of chlorine are released from the breakdown of CFCs every year, against 600 million tons from the evaporation of seawater and 36 million from volcanoes.

What is more, the effect of chlorine is to break down the ozone into oxygen plus by-products, and it simply requires the presence of ultraviolet rays to transform the oxygen back into ozone.

Fiona Weir, atmosphere campaigner for Friends of the Earth, does not dispute the role played by natural phenomena, but insists there is also a massive man-made effect. She dismisses Tazieff's arguments as being out of date, and sees the ozone problem as more than a polar phenomenon, claiming that even over mid-latitudes, levels of ozone are being depleted by 3 per cent per decade.

"That is absolutely untrue," responds Tazieff. "These figures have not been proved, and there are more people that refute them than accept them.

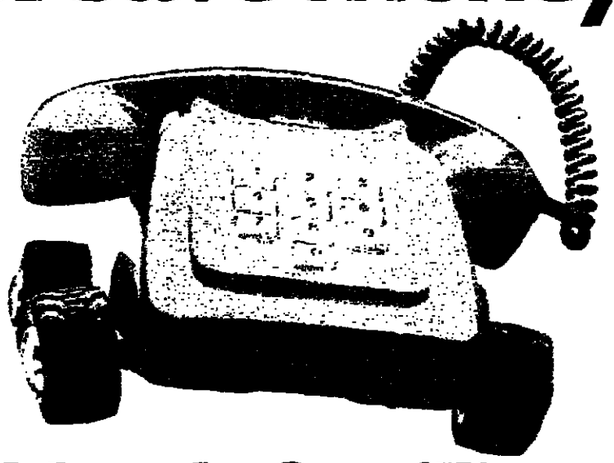
"Large chemical companies wanted to keep their monopoly on the market. After half a century of being protected by patents, CFCs were on the point of falling into the public domain. To keep the whole of the pie themselves, what better way than to have them banned, requiring the use of a replacement gas, which is difficult to produce and thus remains exclusive to large companies which possess the technical know-how."



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Antidote to health scares

Cancer and coffee, Alzheimer's and tea — some links need extra thought

Never a week goes by without the publication of another report on a link between some illness and exposure to a particular "risk". These are the classic health scare stories, such as coffee and heart disease, or coffee and pancreatic cancer, or tea and Alzheimer's disease, and so on.

Health scares may be sparked by exaggerated or misinterpreted results of laboratory research; but more often they come from studying risks and diseases in populations. It is often confusing to know how to interpret such examples of "risk factor epidemiology". Trying to avoid every conceivable risk would drive you mad, but equally a glib rejection of all health advice is unwise. Fortunately, guidance is available from a new book*, which could be seen as the antidote to health scares.



Winning the debate: Petr Skrabanek

There are fundamental problems with risk factor studies, which have led to the nickname "black box" epidemiology: a risk goes into the box and a disease comes out, but what happens inside is a mystery. Some critics suggest that black box research can show only an association between a risk factor and a disease, but can never prove that it is not mere coincidence. For example, the decline in birth rate has been accompanied by a decline in the number of storks, but nobody would claim that the decline in storks has been the cause of fewer babies.

The controversy has resulted in a fascinating pair of articles in the September issue of the academic journal *Epidemiology*. David Savitz from the US puts the case in favour of the black box. He claims that there is no special problem with risk factor epidemiology which cannot be solved by better research methods. While admitting that black box epidemiology is often a "stab in the dark", he suggests that sometimes stabbing in the dark can be a way of finding what you are after.

The reply to Savitz comes from the late Petr Skrabanek of Trinity College, Dublin. He argues that black box epidemiology is an absurd way of investigating the world. Trying to prevent disease by modifying exposure to so-called risks, without knowing what is inside the black box, leads to absurdities — like shooting storks in an attempt to reduce the birth rate.

In my opinion, Skrabanek wins the debate hands down. He concludes that we should generally ignore the so-called risks thrown up by epidemiological studies — unless they are backed up by other scientific evidence of cause. You cannot always be "on the safe side" and avoid all risks, because lifestyle advice is often contradictory, and anyway avoiding imaginary risks will not produce any benefit.

Unfortunately, black box epidemiology is exactly the approach that the British Government has taken in its national plan, *The Health of the Nation*. The White Paper comes in for blistering criticism in Skrabanek's posthumously published book.

Few health professionals will be able to read it without feeling a sense of shame at our too frequent "white lies" and shabby compromises with political expediency. Skrabanek's experience as a Czech exile left him with an eagle eye for the totalitarian modes of thinking which are becoming all too common in the present-day NHS. The result is coercive medicine — health promotion by dictatorship, using risk factor epidemiology.

So what is the key to discriminating the odd nugget of valid information from the weekly cavalcade of imaginary risks? The best answer lies in developing a sound instinct, based on common sense, attuned to the detection of health fanaticism and propaganda designed to manipulate public behaviour. It will never be infallible, but it seems preferable to the usual alternatives of complete gullibility or total cynicism.

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* *The Death of Humane Medicine and the Rise of Coercive Healthism, by Petr Skrabanek, published by the Social Affairs Unit, 314-322 Regent St, London W1R 5AB (£12.95)*

CHILD ABUSE AND HOW IT RELATES TO TEACHERS.

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YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE IT.

Erring churchmen deserve a fresh start like the rest of us

Forgive us our roast potatoes

FALLIBLE clergy are the theme of the moment. Look to Durham and you have a bunch of troublemakers kicking up a hallelujah over a bishop's misdemeanour of 26 years ago. So religiously illiterate a nation are we that the Archbishop of Canterbury has been driven to make an elementary point: that if Christianity is not about redemption and new starts, what is? St Augustine, after all, had a mistress and a bastard long before he had a bishop's hat.

For a different kind of weakness, look to Rome, where we have Cardinal Silvestrini talking about the "last chapter" for John Paul II, and his anaesthetist telling the world that his Holiness is suffering from severe depression (despair, remember, is a sin too: against the Holy Ghost).



LIBBY PURVES

These men, being Catholic Italians, presumably see no harm in telling us the truth about the Pope's share in the human lot. It is the Anglo-Saxon Protestant media which come over squeamish and mutter that he ought to retire for a younger man.

The Mediterranean and Catholic approach is, if I remember my upbringing in it, to let things be. Only God retires Popes, and may well intend this public decline to be a source of spiritual example. Nobody ever said that Popes are exempt from human weakness, in their own lives; certainly nobody ever said that their weakness should be lied about to the faithful. The worst false note in the anaesthetist's interview was when he compared the Vatican now to the "last years of the Reagan presidency". A Pope is not a politician, and is therefore under no compulsion to bamboozle us by wearing a ginger toupee and jogging with the press corps. If his path to holiness is through suffering, up to and including going a bit gaga, then so be it.

At least, that is what I think I remember of the Catholic attitude to such matters: dippy it may seem at times, but at its best, Catholicism is splendidly free from the prissy hypocrisies of later churches.

Which brings us to fallible cleric number 3. God save him. His weakness was neither sexual nor despairing, but brought on by the Minehead cricket club dinner. He was the speaker, and his symptoms included hurling a bunch of flowers, using rude words and bowling roast potatoes down the table (baffling, that: how did they come to call on the guest speaker before the spuds had been cleared? Prudent organisations make sure that there is nothing messier for the speaker to throw than wrapped mints).

As the world now knows, the Reverend Richard Allen made the fatal mistake which all after-dinner performers dread making, and had drunk as much as everyone else. Probably no more: what leads to these upsets is not inordinate drunkenness, in my experience, but the fatal combination of moderate tipsiness and a public platform. The euphoria of early intoxication, coupled with a lot of upturned faces, brings on a condition where you think that you are uttering great truths, but are in fact insulting the chairman's wife and pulling off the tablecloth.

Prudent speakers drink virtually nothing. I have sat through many a grand dinner, sadly watching the fine wines go by, knowing that my only hope lies in getting down as much port as physically possible during the 30-second vote of thanks. It is torture, especially if — like a writer, or a hardworking vicar — you don't often get a chance to break out. For a speaker in these circumstances to forget the golden rule and end up hurling potatoes is only human.

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Today is the feast day of the 16th-century Jesuit St Francis Borgia, who for years signed himself "Francis the Sinner". Fearing scandal, his boss St Ignatius Loyola ordered him to stop it. Perhaps that was where the rot set in.

In the grip of an Age of Fear

Peter Jay reports on the global revolution which is threatening jobs throughout the West

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The search for work — men signing on at a labour exchange in 1939. Scenes like this are now being repeated all over the Western world

Can the world be richer if everyone in it is poorer? Evidently not, outside systems of political and economic thought which attribute welfare and suffering, success and failure, to entities (such as "the tribe", "the nation", "the race", "the State", "society") other than individual people or the sum of them in their communities.

So, why propose this paradox? In part, at least as a personal confession of the tangle I first got myself into and then, I hope, unravelled — with results that thoroughly surprised me — in the course of preparing tonight's *Panorama* (BBC1, 9.30pm).

The idea was to report on unemployment and why people of all classes and generations, not just in Britain, but throughout Western Europe and North America, had, over the past 15 or 20 years, come to live in such a state of anxiety about the world of work, about the indifferent prospects of the younger generation, that it could properly be called, like our programme, the Age of Fear.

It did not take long to get to first base, namely the development of large "structural unemployment" (i.e. caused by obsolescent skills, uncompetitive pay and conditions, safety nets for, acting as incentives to, unemployment) in Europe after 1974 (see chart) on top of the "normal" frictional and cyclical unemployment of the previous 25 years.

Second base was easy, too, namely the realisation that North America's better unemployment numbers, after the recession of the early 1980s, represented a different way of living with the same problem that confronted Europe, not a solution to it: High unemployment and/or very low pay for unskilled or obsolescently skilled workers were two horns of one dilemma, not [illegible] and cure.

[illegible] there" was globalisation, taken to mean the combination of:

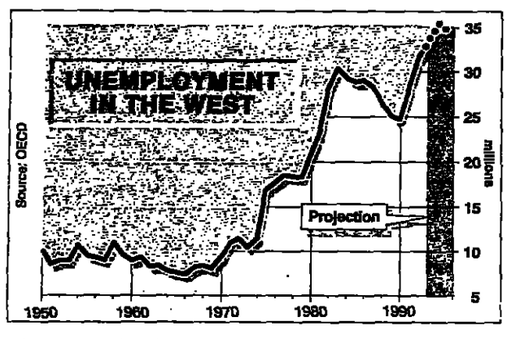
- Ever freer movement of final goods and services from optimal production locations to optimum markets.
- Vanishing exchange controls over outward movements of capital from the richer economies.
- Liberalising inward trade and investment policies in the "developing" world.
- Specifically political transformations in China and India, having the potential long-term effect of adding to the world's labour supply hundreds of millions of people sufficiently literate and disciplined to be eligible for highly skilled jobs in the world market.
- A fully-fledged worldwide army of effectively stateless global, international and multinational companies dedicated to serving their shareholders by steering their large capital and technical resources to the most cost-effective combination with labour, wherever it is to be found.

Two mutually contradictory conclusions appeared to flow from this model. First, classical principles teach us to expect that, with so many impediments to market forces being removed and with a huge one-off effective addition of skilled labour, the efficiency of the world economy must rise, therefore increasing its total product, the total incomes arising therefrom and, for any given global population, average incomes per head — or "living standards".

Second, the integration of the world economy, including the world labour market, into a seamless, frontierless whole, "must" tend to equalise prices for the same commodity, including equalising the price of labour for the same value added. Moreover, since the free movement of final goods and of capital and management/technological assets progressively removes the advantage which labour in the "rich" countries had when those factors were by historical and political circumstances concentrated in those countries, actual pay for a person with given skills would be equalised with pay outside. Because of the huge increase in the effective supply of labour caused by India and China "joining" the world economy, that equalisation would be more downward than upward.

So, the whole world is richer and "everyone" is poorer. How can that be? It is not enough to point out that "everyone" is not "everyone", but only the "everyone" in the old "First" World (Western Europe, North America, Japan). For, by participating in a liberalisation of trade and investment and by gaining access to the product of all that new Asian labour, those economies in particular, as well as the world as a whole, must be becoming richer. Yet it seems that their working populations, as a result of global competition in the labour market, will be impoverished.

The circle is squared only when we include what is happening to the rewards of capital. Globalisation, as defined above, increases capital's bargaining power relative to labour and increases its share of the spoils. As the rewards of labour are competed downwards in the global market, the profitability of global businesses rises correspondingly.



These enterprises are still mainly owned in the old "First" World, simpy because that is where the capital was originally accumulated. So the income from their investments is part of the "gross national product" (or actual wealth) of those economies, though it is not part of their "gross domestic product" (or annual output), which may be actually lower when valued at the new lower real price of labour. In the old Third World, of course, the rewards of both labour and, to the extent that savings accumulate, capital are higher.

Thus, both the world economy as a whole and even the "First" World economies individually can be "richer", even though anything up to a large majority of their populations — in or out of work — is impoverished. Whether such a world would be politically stable and what measures would be needed or possible to recycle the income from capital back to the majority of the populations — whether through redistributive fiscal policies or through more nearly universal ownership of capital — are topics for another occasion.

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My boss doesn't understand me

Women can't break through the glass ceiling because they are using the wrong words, a new study shows

As many men and women have long suspected, they are not talking the same language, particularly at work. A study out this week by Deborah Tannen, Professor of Linguistics at Georgetown University in Washington, shows that sexual harassment and the glass ceiling may be symptoms of a larger problem: men's and women's inability to communicate. The two sexes' delivery style, conversational rituals and meanings are often so far apart that incomprehension is interpreted as incompetence.

Dr Tannen cites hundreds of examples in her book, *Talking from Nine to Five*. Take the female boss who praises her male subordinate's report, and then asks for a few "improvements and changes". What she means is that the report is execrably written, but her fear of hurting the man means he fails to make the necessary improvements. Then there is the typically male trait of not asking questions in the workplace for fear of being thought ignorant. Dr Tannen interviewed a male trainee doctor who guessed at a dose rather than asking the exact amount because he was afraid of looking incompetent. Fortunately, his estimate was correct. A competent woman doctor, who was also a student, was given a low grade by her male hospital supervisor because he thought her regular inquiries showed a lack of knowledge rather than a desire for it.

Dr Tannen gathered her information by persuading workers to carry tape recorders throughout the day, and then analysed the conversations, confrontations and meetings, adding follow-up interviews about what the participants *really* intended by what they said. Dr Tannen was invited into some big American corporations to look at their management styles, and to posit some suggestions about the slow gains of female executives. They included the ice-cream giant Ben & Jerry's, Chevron Petroleum, Corning Inc, and dozens of hospitals, radio stations and universities.



KATE MUIR

As you might expect, our behaviour in the boardroom and on the shopfloor goes back to the playground. "Research shows that if there is one girl with a group of boys, they tend to ignore or ridicule her," says Dr Tannen. "But if there is one boy in a group of girls, they tend to treat him as leader."

In a business meeting, if a woman in speaks out as often as a man, she is seen as talking too much. Women also tend to favour a more egalitarian style of management, using persuasion and compliments to get work done, whereas a man may show who is boss' by barking an order.

Also, a woman tends to self-effacing delivery in a meeting. Her phrases such as "I don't know if this will work, but . . ." or "This is just a suggestion . . ." rather than the male "I've had a great idea . . ." mean that a woman's suggestion will be ignored, but a man making much the same suggestion a few minutes later will be rewarded.

The so-called glass ceiling, which blocks women executives' upward rise, is, according to Dr Tannen, often a wall of words: "When decisions are made about promotion to management, the qualities sought are a high level of competence, decisiveness, and ability to lead. Men making the decisions are likely to misinterpret women's ways of talking as showing indecisiveness and inability to assume authority."

The divisional head of a multinational company came to Dr Tannen, astounded that when promotions were discussed, not one of his (male) senior managers singled out any women, although they appeared to be perfectly competent at their jobs. Asked why, every manager said the woman in question "lacked the necessary confidence".

Dr Tannen found that women expected the fact they were doing a good job to be automatically noticed, whereas many men had the sense to trumpet their every little achievement. Men also had a higher opinion of themselves and negotiated higher pay rises. While women might lunch at their desks to get extra work done and expect to be noticed, men would lunch with their bosses and *tell* them how hard they were working.

Dr Tannen does not condemn these techniques. Rather, she feels each sex can learn from the other. "Clashing conversational styles can wreak havoc at the conference table, with frustrating and even dangerous consequences. Everyone's frustration will be reduced if we learn to accept each other's styles."

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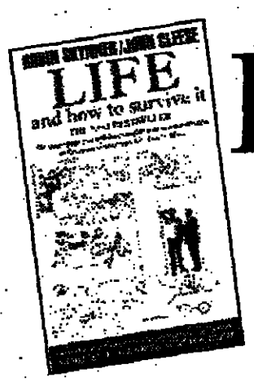
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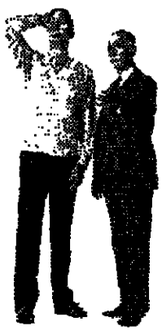
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Matthew Parris



■ However liberal I am on homosexuality and other issues, I could never join the angry party

More people in Britain may now be asking themselves whether they might turn to Labour than at any time since 1945. I sat by the Irish Sea in Blackpool last week and asked myself the same question.

Tony Blair's economics are similar to mine. Some of his social liberalism is closer to mine than my own party's instincts. And he seems a capable man. True, the press are in love with him at the moment, though not too much should be read into their commentary, but this will pass.

True, his speech on Tuesday has been ridiculously hyped: only its threat to Clause Four stands out, and the speech's lack of rapport with its Winter Gardens audience was unpardonable: as though they were there as studio audience for a television show, to clap wildly as directed at the end.

But slick phrasing and one-sentence paragraphs of the sort that any second-rate advertising copywriter can spout do not make a great speech. It read like a 1980s Volkswagen advert. Telling people that you believe in integrity.

And honesty.

And decency.

And truth.

... prompts in sceptical minds the question why it should be necessary to say so.

Still, it was better than most Tory speeches. So could I support Labour? A fringe event organised by Stonewall — which campaigned for homosexual equality — answered my question. A roomful of delegates was addressed by Stonewall's director, Angela Mason. She was calmly persuasive. She hardly needed to be. All present were in favour of homosexual equality. Labour's response has been more sympathetic than my own party's. Was this, then, a personal reason for supporting Labour?

That it could not be I realised at the end. The case had been put for "whipping" Labour MPs' votes in divisions on our cause. There was disappointment with Labour's frontbenchers Ann Taylor and David Blunkett for voting against an equal age of consent, and a feeling that they should be ostracised. I do not share this feeling, and thought I was alone until a man at the back of the room asked the final question: should a party really force its MPs to vote against their own beliefs on such issues? Didn't we all "need space", as he put it, to change our minds? Might it not be better to reason with dissidents rather than compel them?

I sympathised. He asked the question with evident sincerity and in no spirit of hostility towards others in the room, or their beliefs.

But their response dismayed me. They were angry with him for expressing his opinion. People started to jeer. The collective force of the meeting turned in anger to crush one individual who had spoken out of line. The anger was directed not just against his opinion but against him, against the fact of his having expressed it — as though the incident somehow spoilt the occasion, sullying our sense of shared purpose; as though his voicing dissent should be seen as an insubordinate act. There was a mood to hurt or reject him.

Crowd violence (even, as here, utterly non-physical) disturbs me. You would not get such a response at a Conservative or Liberal Democrat meeting. I only once encountered it within my own party, when, during the Falklands War, I argued for a compromise with Argentina at a constituency meeting. But Britain was at war at the time, which I think is instructive. The Labour Party is by nature a war party. Its sense of purpose is rooted in anger: righteous anger at social injustice. This anger has despaired of reason and turned to compulsion. Its politics find their meaning in a shared struggle by the weak against the strong, the insecure against the secure, for which unity is vital. Among the weak, dissent must always be a kind of heresy. Trade unionists discovered early that discipline of action and expression is vital. Half a century of social reform and economic progress have not altered that sense of anger and the belief in compulsion which are at Labour's heart.

> A kind of compulsion is still at the heart of the Labour Party's solidarity

Liberalism — and liberalism is a key part of modern Conservatism — is rooted in confidence. Confidence does not reach instinctively for the weapons of compulsion. Of course many Tories are people who can afford to feel confident, having no cause for internal anger. But whatever the origins of socialist anger, whatever the grievance, the instinct for collectively organised compulsion is a fact. Political commentators spend too much time asking party leaders what they will do, and too little reflecting upon what parties are.

And instincts are most important. Events will upset all plans, and then instinct will come to the fore.

Anger is a powerful force in politics. It can be a redeeming force. In the campaign for homosexual equality, activist anger has achieved more than my own laid-back rationality, but I think anger fuels a crusade better than it fuels a government.

Oppression causes anger, but anger also oppresses. In the end I could never join Labour. I wonder whether Mr Blair should have.

Tony Blair has the Tories at sixes and sevens. They really ought to calm down, says **Peter Riddell**

This is no time for a lurch to the right

Already, Tony Blair has won his first victory over the Tories. He has destabilised them. Senior ministers are fascinated by the new Labour leader, yet they do not understand him. Not only has their immediate response been muddled, but they are in danger of adopting a self-consciously right-wing strategy, which could be electorally fatal.

Mr Blair is obviously a threat, since he wants to make Labour a new party. Although he remains vulnerable, senior Tories don't know what to do about him. Even Michael Heseltine has given a contradictory message. Two weeks ago he attacked Mr Blair for being "young, inexperienced and irresponsible". Yesterday he was saying it was "ridiculous" to judge someone after only a few weeks.

Jeremy Hanley has offered a kaleidoscope of views. Peter Bottomley has complained that the press criticises Mr Hanley without reporting him; the snag is that his views change so much. At one point Mr Hanley says the far left is still in control. Next he argues that Mr Blair has turned himself on his head in adopting fashionable policies. Then he says Mr Blair is "a Trojan horse".

Some of these charges will win cheers in Bournemouth, but they sound absurd to the uncommitted. For most voters, arguing that Mr Blair has changed his views is a point in his favour. Nor is it convincing to argue that Mr Blair is just a media-friendly front-man for the hard left. The votes in favour of Clause Four and against Trident are obviously an embarrassment for Mr Blair and show how much he has to do, but there is little doubt that he will succeed next year in repealing Clause Four. The more fuss the hard left and the Tories make now, the more of a triumph Mr Blair will then be able to claim.

So what should the Tories do? The rumbling on the right has already begun. The call is for "clear blue water" between the parties. By that, Tories mean tax cuts now, the rejection of a single European currency forever, and tougher action on law and order. If Mr Blair and Paddy Ashdown are occupying the centre ground, then the Tories should strike their standard on ground to the right, so as to rally the faithful.

This appeal is red meat to many Tory activists, but it could give the party indigestion or worse.

The more astute response to Mr Blair is to take him on his own terms, rather than creating imaginary bogeys or veering off to the right. There

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is plenty of scope for the Tories to engage Mr Blair on their own ground. Douglas Hurd will argue this case in a speech — with suitably stylish metaphors — to the Tory Reform Group on Wednesday.

The Conservatives can legitimately question how far Mr Blair's aspirations have been matched by real changes of policy: how far are Labour's spokesmen really "New Labour"? Moreover, the Tories were debating the community and social responsibility long before Amitai Etzioni's "communitarian" ideas were taken up by London think-tanks. Mr Hurd talked about the active citizen in the mid-1980s, and John Major's Citizen's Charter and ill-fated "back to basics" initiative had similar origins.

At the heart of the argument are taxes and spending. The Government is being more Thatcherite in its caution than Sir George Gardiner is in his call for a 2p cut in income tax this autumn. The orthodoxy of the most successful Thatcher period, in the early-to-mid-1980s, was fiscal responsibility first, then tax cuts. This is what Kenneth Clarke is following when he argues that tax cuts this year would be "hopelessly premature". The combination of a tight public spending round this year with strong growth will reduce borrowing to a level which will make tax cuts fiscally reasonable next year. That still leaves the Conservatives with space to outmanoeuvre Labour.

Gordon Brown has had no choice over the past two years but to try to change the ingrained belief of voters that Labour is a "tax, spend and borrow" party. But he still has to show how Labour would fulfil its social and economic objectives within the new constraints. Ministers are already purring in anticipation of the trap they hope to spring. When taxes are reduced, they will challenge Labour not only to vote for the cuts but also to say that they will not reverse them. If Labour says it will reverse them, then the Tories will turn the election into a debate about tax cuts which voters have just received or are about to receive. If Labour does not pledge to reverse them, then the Tories will argue that there is no room for expensive new spending commitments. This may not be so persuasive in the light of recent Tory tax increases, but the Government would gain little and risk much — in political and financial credibility — by cutting taxes now.

Similarly, on Europe, the Prime Minister has arrived at a position which at least keeps his party together. His anti-Brussels rhetoric annoys the pro-Europeans but they will accept it as long as he leaves open the question of whether Britain might one day participate in a single currency. The right demands complete rejection of this option now, which would split the party. Mr Major is walking a tightrope. Tugs to one side or the other are not helpful.

The Tory party is in a nervous and fragile state, as Michael Pinto-Duschinsky's fascinating and authoritative report on page 8 of today's Times shows. Not only is the organisation shaky in many marginal seats, but local activists are disillusioned. What the Tories need is time for the economic recovery and tax cuts to bring their benefits, together with stability and competence at the centre. They do not need to panic about Mr Blair, or to raise the blue standard high just as Labour is lowering the scarlet standard.

Give us something to believe

The Tories should adopt the Portillo doctrine — and perhaps the man himself



Going separate ways: Clarke and Portillo might easily have been in different parties

William Rees-Mogg

The minister who now best represents what the Conservatives believe in their hearts is not the Prime Minister, not Michael Heseltine, not Kenneth Clarke, but Michael Portillo. His pamphlet *Clear Blue Water* (published by Conservative Way Forward) puts a number of issues in a way that demands majority support among active Tories and probably among Tories in Parliament.

> Taxation, by reducing people's disposable income, removes choices that are rightly theirs ... for many people the role of government has sapped from them — one might almost say confiscated — their sense of responsibility towards other people ... I believe in the increase in wealth ... People need to be motivated ... Conservatives believe that the lion's share of what an individual earns should be left with him ... We must rethink what provision should be made for the contingencies of life by the State ... Spreading the enterprise culture, minimising the role of the State, improving incentives, striving for low rates for personal and corporate tax ... The State has slipped into an attitude of studied amorality ... It is time to return to plain speaking and traditional values ... The new British Disease — the self-destructive sickness of national cynicism ... The chattering classes have succumbed to masochism and defeatism ... We should not allow the national debate to be driven by the agendas of tiny discontented minorities ... Those who wish to give up national sovereignty and see Britain absorbed into a crowned European political body show the ultimate symptoms of political doubt, even defeatism ... We are a proud nation ... Conservatism begins with individualism, but it doesn't end there ... Britain's armed forces are superb ... The quiet majority also looks to us to defend it from crime ... The free market is democratic and decentralising. It is a wonderfully efficient transmitter of information ... A powerful bulwark of political and personal freedom ... Political union would mean giving up the government of the United Kingdom ... That's impossible.

That sums up the core beliefs of many Conservatives. Michael Portillo did not at all leave the impression that Tony Blair might say much the same thing, either about the levels of taxation, about the role of the State, or about Europe. He is far from the consensus of the centre.

This does not mean that the Conservative Party has entirely taken Michael Portillo to its bosom. There are qualities about him which make ordinary Conservatives uneasy. They are not comfortable with the intellectualism of his approach — in the old days they always preferred Willy Whitelaw's relaxed view of politics to Keith Joseph's logical approach. Conservative Party members greatly admired Margaret Thatcher — at times they almost worshipped her — but they sometimes felt that she was too zealous, she held her political convictions with a fervour that had been the mark of socialists. Ironically, Michael Portillo is rather too continental for the Tory taste. They are descended from beery Saxon warriors who took the wrong turning coming out of the German forest: he is descended from Iberian ideologists, and must surely have a Jesuit only a generation or two back in his family.

Nevertheless, Michael Portillo has made himself one of the points of definition in Conservative politics. The left wing of the party fades away into a Euro-federalist social democracy hardly distinguishable from Tony Blair. At present the nearest to an equivalent leader on the left is Kenneth Clarke, whose two strongest political commitments are to the welfare state (though he recognises the need to reform it) and Europe (which he would embrace even if it took a Federalist form).

It might have taken only a tiny shift in circumstances and youthful sympathies to have made Tony Blair a very acceptable senior minister in John Major's Government, and an equally small shift might have made Kenneth Clarke the leader of the Labour Party. Both men are highly capable professional politicians of moderate but Europeanist views, representative of the fashionable view of their generation. The left wing of the Labour Party suspects that Blair is a crypto-Conservative, and the right wing of the Conservative Party suspects that Clarke is a crypto-socialist. Some right-wing Conservatives actually prefer Blair: if there has to be a Social Democrat in Downing Street, they would be happier for him to be a Labour Prime Minister whom they would be free to attack without reserve.

John Major belongs neither to the right nor to the left wing of the Tory party. That is why he is leader. During the Thatcher years he appeared to belong to the moderate right; in his first two years as Prime Minister he moved well to the left, relaxing control of expenditure before the 1992 election, making British membership of the exchange-rate mechanism the central principle of economic policy, seeking a close understanding with Chancellor Kohl, and signing the Maastricht treaty.

These policies made the recession worse, split the Conservative Party, nearly lost the 1992 general election and almost cost John Major the leadership. In his second two years as Prime Minister, Mr Major has made some moves back towards the right. As long as he is in Downing Street, Britain will not re-enter the ERM or sign another Maastricht. His priority is to hold his party together; he thinks like a whip most of the time. These more right-wing two years have produced better political results than the left-wing years, and have made him safe.

John Major's leadership is again secure, even though the Labour Party is enjoying a vast lead in the opinion polls. The economic recovery has not yet won back many voters, but the mood of the southern middle class has improved from angry resentment to cynical indifference; this Government is neither loved nor admired, but it is no longer hated as it used to be. Some Conservatives think this is the start of another political recovery which will result in a fifth election victory in 1996. That sounds too optimistic, but not absolutely impossible.

By the next election, John Major himself will probably have been Prime Minister for six years, the third longest unbroken period of office in this century, surpassed only by Thatcher and Asquith. Considering how temporary he looked at the beginning, and the state of his party after the 1992 election, he can be well content with that, win or lose. The odds must still be that he will lose. Tony Blair is a skilful and intelligent modernising leader of the Labour Party. He has largely defused the fear of Labour which made the party unelectable. By 1996, no one under 40 will have voted in a general election which was won by Labour. The Tories have increased taxes, losing their strongest card. The Government is only moderately competent, still with some conspicuous failures in office. John Major's own performance has improved, but is still widely criticised.

If they lose the next election, the Conservatives will have to choose whether to try to recover power by turning to the Portillo doctrine, and possibly to Michael Portillo himself, or by trying to out-Blair Labour, possibly by making Kenneth Clarke leader. Which way they turn will depend largely on how events move, the size of the Labour majority, on how federalist the post-Maastricht negotiations are, and so on.

Yet Michael Portillo, whether or not he emerges as the future leader, has already set the agenda of the Conservative debate. In a damaging moment, Kenneth Clarke told Norman Tebbit that he had never read the Maastricht treaty. He would now be well advised to read Michael Portillo's speeches.

Not likely

JEREMY HANLEY is off to an inauspicious start on the eve of his first conference as Tory chairman. He has written asking for a donation from Peter Cadbury, who resigned in disgust from the Conservatives six weeks ago after 45 years as a party member.

Cadbury is livid. He blamed the Government's record on crime for his decision to leave the party, made after his home, near Basingstoke, was burgled. His departure hit the headlines, and now the begging circular signed by Hanley has further infuriated him.

"You astound me by your apparent lack of interest in the media," he wrote to the disaster-ridden party chairman. "My resignation from the Conservative Party has been widely publicised ... I have over 400 letters from disillusioned Conservatives saying they will not vote Conservative again ... Your final sheer act of lunacy in reducing the funding of the police will no doubt lose you even more support."

Hanley was too busy with conference preparations yesterday to comment, but Central Office was standing behind him: "We have a large-scale direct-mail operation, which means we send out several thousand. Inevitably, when you are sending out so many, some will go astray. We had no intention of upsetting Mr Cadbury."

Flying out

THERE is a feeling of *déjà vu* in the Gulf. Not just because Saddam Hussein's troops are amassing on the Kuwaiti border, but because journalists are flocking to the Middle East. Martin Bell of the BBC is already in Kuwait, and Peter Arnett, who covered the Gulf War so dramatically in 1991 for CNN, has pulled out of Haiti and is heading for Baghdad.

British Airways is taking no chances: having lost a plane at Kuwait City at the start of the war, it brought one of its 767s promptly out of the country this weekend to stop overnight in the haven of Bahrain.



A wigging

FURTHER indignity has befallen the schoolmarmish Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley. Next month's *Esquire* magazine has been experimenting with her hairstyle.

Using a computer, the magazine has superimposed the hair-dos of such luminaries of our television screens as Julie Walters and *EastEnders* star Pauline Richards. It has given her the Martina Navratilova "page boy" cut, the shoulder-length bob of Susan George, the tousled Liz Taylor look and the fetching, bleached crop of pop singer Yazz.

My own view is that of the various possibilities, she looks best in the short, urchin cut of fellow MP Glenda Jackson.



The Glenda Jackson look

● *They are taking no chances with the seasons in Hull this year: Christmas decorations are already up, alongside hanging baskets of blooming geraniums. Such vulgarity is not without reason, says the council: "It's the most efficient time for the staff to put them up."*

Forth without

ON THE subject of political hairstyles, keep a close eye at Bournemouth on gold-chain-wearer Eric Forth, the schools minister. He came a cropper at the Commons barber recently, and has lost his distinguishing sideburns. The difference is so dramatic that there is talk of an entirely new set of publicity photographs.

Denying that his "rug rethink" was intended to counter the permasmile onslaught from Tony Blair, the 50-year-old MP explains that the barber was over-zealous: "I went for a routine trim and made the mistake of asking the barber to take off a bit more than usual. He practically scalped me. I assure you it is more by accident than design. Some people have said it makes me look younger, but my mother wants me to grow it back."

● *No academic, the Duke of Devonshire. He is pictured sound asleep on the sofa of his private sitting-room at Chatsworth in Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd's new book* Great Houses of England and Wales. *So, he was asked, why doesn't he call the room a study? "Because I sit in it more than I study."*

Old-fashioned

NAOMI CAMPBELL will be taking a break today from the rigours of the London Fashion Week catwalk, and browsing for something other than designer wear. I am told she is planning to drop into a second-hand clothes shop in west London before flying off to Paris.

Not that the hand-me-downs she plans to search through are anything run-of-the-mill. The supermodel's interest is in satin and chiffon underwear dating from the 1930s or earlier. And she has warned Virginia Bates, whose west London shop Virginia specialises in antique clothing, that she hopes to visit.

"She is a regular customer," says Bates. "She said she wants something 'sexy and cute'. She likes camiknickers and petticoats, which she wears like a dress. The models get so fed up with wearing designer clothes that they want something different, and these clothes are one-offs and beautifully made."



Over the top: Naomi

● *A can of oil would not have gone amiss at London's Coliseum on Saturday during the English National Opera performance of* Don Quixote. *Instead of sitting astride horses, the Don and Sancho were on tricycles made to look like horses — and their brakes screeched louder than any diva's aria.*

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SANITY AND SADDAM

This is not an irrational gamble but a calculated challenge

If President Saddam Hussein's only purpose in moving troops to the Iraq-Kuwait border was to sow division in the United Nations Security Council before today's meeting on Iraq, he could be judged to have failed already. The council was due to consider a new report by Rolf Ekeus, the head of the UN inspection team, on Iraq's compliance with UN weapons monitoring. Before the weekend, there had been pressure from France, Russia and China to agree to ease UN sanctions against Iraq once the UN's surveillance systems have been thoroughly tested. Now, by providing a dramatic reminder that he has yet to relinquish Iraq's claim to Kuwait, that he is an aggressor by instinct and that his armed forces still have the capacity to overrun the Emirate, Saddam has reconcentrated minds on the threat his regime still poses to international peace.

The immediate diplomatic and military reactions, in New York, in Washington and in such key regional capitals as Riyadh, have been studiedly resolute. The US deployment, particularly of air and sea power, has been swift and massive. Although Saddam could still launch a lightning raid, taking hostage UN monitors in the demilitarised frontier zone, any cross-border attack would bring not only punishing casualties, but Cruise missile strikes on military targets in Iraq.

As the West has discovered before in its dealings with Saddam, however, the challenge he poses does not end there. There is no doubt of his desperation over sanctions, which have at last begun to loosen his regime's grip. Iraq's own press now openly refers to "poverty, rampant crime, immorality and social disintegration". He coupled the troop movements with a threat to cease all co-operation with UN weapons inspectors unless the Security Council sets a timetable today for lifting them. He may genuinely have expected Mr Ekeus to affirm Iraq's full compliance with the UN ceasefire Resolution 687 of 1991 and that the Security Council would oblige. As Mr Ekeus left Baghdad last week, he reported "remarkable" progress on weapons monitoring.

At home, Saddam could then have proclaimed that Iraqi military power had again put it in command of events, forcing the hand of the international community. And the show of force would simultaneously have reminded Iraq's more jittery neighbours that he remains a power to reckon with. Most governments in the region are aware of Western intelligence estimates that once sanctions are lifted, Iraq could rebuild its chemical weapons capability in a year, its biological weapons programme in two and its nuclear programme within four or five: and that before then, Iraq could acquire the formidable deterrent effect of a plausible, even if not actual, nuclear capability.

The only way to deny him this three-in-one triumph is to maintain sanctions. His reading of the Security Council may have been over-optimistic — not least because Mr Ekeus insists that the UN must first be able to check on Iraqi imports of banned equipment. The Council is also unanimous that before sanctions are eased, Iraq must recognise Kuwait within the borders charted by the UN. But divisions could rapidly open out if Saddam does so, and he has signed treaties before only to tear them up when it suits him. He could combine that "concession" with military defiance, obstructing UN monitors and keeping troops poised on the border for weeks or even months.

It was no easy matter for George Bush to build the anti-Saddam coalition in 1990 and if he were still president, he would find it harder now. The last thing Bill Clinton wants is to sustain the US military build-up in the Gulf. He is cutting the US military budget by a further $127 billion — to the point where the Pentagon doubts its ability to fight two regional wars at once. The North Korean military threat outranks Iraq in its concerns. Saddam knows this. In testing American resolve, time is against him. He will lose — provided Mr Clinton stays the course. But perseverance has not been this President's hallmark. Saddam has devised his script accordingly. The West's wider security depends on his being proved wrong.

LEVEL UP

The economic rise of the Third World is opportunity not threat

Can a society get steadily richer while most of its citizens get steadily poorer? This is the troubling question at the heart of much international debate about the future of the European and American economies, posed in *The Times* today by Peter Jay. The paradox that Mr Jay identifies is that the demise of communism and the worldwide triumph of free trade has not ushered in a golden age of confidence and prosperity across the capitalist world. Instead it has spread economic insecurity across America and Europe.

The new recruits to the free market who live in Eastern Europe, China, India and other Third World countries may provide, as consumers, some lucrative new markets. But in their capacity as cheap workers, these three billion new citizens of the capitalist world threaten to create an unprecedented worldwide glut of cheap labour. This will put irresistible downward pressure on the wages of rich Western workers, producing the paradox of a rapidly expanding world economy, whose very success makes the citizens of its leading nations worse off.

That, at least, is the alarming vision presented by Mr Jay, and echoed around the world by other influential economic thinkers, such as Ross Perot in America and Sir James Goldsmith in France. But plausible as it may sound, the case for a worldwide levelling of living standards downwards will almost certainly turn out to be wrong. First, the argument has experience against it. The thesis that competitive capitalism would inevitably lead to immiseration of the proletariat was one of the main "contributions" made to economic theory by Karl Marx. It turned out to be wrong because the demand for labour and the productivity of the labour force kept rising, despite the enormous flow of new workers made available by the mechanisation of agriculture. The levelling that occurs will predominantly be up, not down.

But secondly, the inevitability of levelling is itself highly contentious. Labour is not a homogeneous commodity and many of the services which workers provide will never be traded across the globe. Although some skills can be easily learnt, there are others which may take generations to acquire. As the manufacture of simple goods, which requires relatively unskilled labour, becomes cheaper, the value of skills that are based on culture, history and tradition and are harder to transfer from one nation to another, will rapidly rise. These include scientific creativity, but equally plausibly they may be commercial practices, cultural traditions or language skills. Whatever these valuable skills may be, it is a fair bet that they will be concentrated for several generations in North America, Japan and Europe.

The poor countries of the world may, however, converge with the rich faster than rich and poor converged in Europe. The challenge for democracies lies in the speed of the transition. Western politicians have to be aware that the strains of competition will be tough. But, like the gradual levelling brought about by two centuries of capitalism in North America and Western Europe, the catching-up of the Third World should be seen as an opportunity, not a threat.

GAELIC REVIVAL

Language lives by popular demand not political correctness

The Mod, Scotland's annual Gaelic jamboree, is showing signs of modernisation. In addition to its traditional competitions for singing, dancing and playing the native instruments, this year at Dunoon the Mod is introducing classes in Gaelic, even Gaelic karaoke. About 66,000 Scots speak Gaelic, fewer than two in every hundred of the population, but after a century of slow decline there is some evidence that their numbers are starting to creep up. And the teaching of Gaelic in primary schools and playgroups, led by parental demand, is reducing the high average age of Gaelic-speakers. This year's Mod may even make a modest profit.

The revival of the Mod rides on the back of a renewal of interest in Scottish culture and roots. Groups such as Capercaillie from Oban and Runrig from Skye sing Gaelic songs with the technical glitter and uproar of modern pop music. They attract large audiences at concerts and for recordings among the urban young who have shown no previous interest in languages. The Government spends £13 million a year on Gaelic, much of it on Gaelic language broadcasting. The joke around Scottish television studios is that the best way to get funds for a marginal pet programme is to make it in Gaelic. Tartan soap operas such as *Machair* are popular even among Scots with no word of Gaelic.

So there is life in the old language yet, after centuries of decline and recent reports of its death. But the decision of the Scottish National Party at its conference to make Gaelic lessons compulsory in Scottish primary schools is sentimental and misguided, and would be counterproductive. Since the Scottish Nationalists now control the local councils in the Grampian and Tayside districts, they are in a position to put their foolish policy into practice.

Such linguistic engineering is chauvinist antiquarianism. It would be enormously expensive to give Gaelic legal equality with English, as well as being irrelevant to the majority of Scots from the Lowlands and the central industrial belt, whose mother tongue is Scots not Gaelic. In countries such as Ireland and Canada, where bilingualism has been made compulsory for reasons of political correctness, it arouses resentment and waste. For the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, the duplication of announcements in English and French was a waste of time and patience. The compulsory teaching of Irish is resented by most Dubliners, whose sole or first language is that written by Joyce and Behan, Yeats and Synge. The language of almost all Scots is the mother tongue of Stevenson and Scott, Burns and Hume.

Geography and history have made the Scots a resourceful and innovative people. Teaching of foreign languages, even in the admirable Scottish schools, is already an inadequate preparation for working in the global marketplace and Babel. Compulsory Gaelic would be an expensive and inward-looking retreat into the old Celtic mists. It is a sentimental slogan, not a credible policy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A 'sellable' vision for the Tories at Bournemouth

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for Worcestershire South (Conservative)

Sir, It takes time and a collective effort of will for the leadership of a political party to impress its distinctive vision for the future on the public consciousness. This week's party conference in Bournemouth may be the last such opportunity for the Conservative Party before the next general election.

The overall objective is clear: to continue the process of making Britain the most attractive place in the world for people to invest and to live in. For this to be credible, it is the detailed components which will now count most. These comprise absolute commitments to the following policies and principles:

- ☐ sound money
- ☐ free trade
- ☐ retaining national control within the European Union of our economic policy, our defence and our legal system
- ☐ a basic rate of personal taxation which is the lowest in the industrialised world
- ☐ massive private investment in road and rail
- ☐ substantial development of private rented housing
- ☐ greatly expanded private health and pension schemes
- ☐ much reduced government, including the abolition of redundant ministries, such as that of employment, and the removal of one tier of local government
- ☐ much more competition in gas, electricity and telecommunications
- ☐ privatisation of coal
- ☐ further reform of the social services in order to ensure that the money goes only to those who need it
- ☐ the maintenance of effective police forces and armed services

We should build on what we have achieved. Consolidation won't do. For the message to be sellable, it must be clear, inter-related, believable and self-evidently one that only the Conservatives can espouse.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons.
October 9.

From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith

Sir, Mr Cattell (letter, October 3) writes that in his opinion "Conservatism . . . needs to show both candour and courage to reassert its claim to government, particularly as some signs of . . . candour are beginning to come from the . . . Labour Party".

The misery and boredom of unem ployment will play a large part in the next election, I feel sure, and there will be much rhetoric about "tackling" it, but no detailed solutions. I doubt whether any politician will have the courage and candour to state frankly that unemployment is the inevitable consequence, not only of technological progress, in replacing people with machines, but of the perfectly legitimate entry into the job market of increasing numbers of women since the Conservatives took office in 1979.

As the number of workers needed to keep the country in world competition steadily decreases, the number of people of both sexes looking for jobs increases. The Government is managing to keep the figure of unemployment below 3,000,000 for the moment, but for how long?

Neither Mr Major, Mr Blair nor Mr Ashdown would commit political suicide by having the candour to contemplate what the level of unemployment is likely to be at the end of the century.

Yours faithfully,
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Storrington, West Sussex.
October 4.

Natural reserves

From Mr Maurice Taylor

Sir, With this constant yen for an ever-greener environment, has no one yet thought of a means to harness the hot air emanating from our annual party conferences?

Each party member's contribution is generous. From year to year they do, at least, recycle their surplus of unused, unsung, promises.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE TAYLOR,
22 Claremont Hill,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

From Mr L. E. Braddick

Sir, The Tory faithful should remember Mr Major's slogan: "If it's not hurting, it's not working".

Especially when they pay 17½ per cent VAT on their winter fuel bills — the result of a delayed exit from the ERM that cost us £15 billion.

Yours faithfully,
L. E. BRADDICK,
7 The Green, Crediton, Devon.
October 7.

A German lesson on mental care

From Dr S. D. Martin and Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, We believe that attention should be drawn to the system operating in Germany with regard to people who commit an offence when they are mentally unwell.

Patients may not be discharged from German psychiatric units without the agreement of a judge. Before discharge they can be sent on periods of leave only with the permission of a judge and then, after final discharge, they can be recalled to hospital for failing to take medication.

The present system in England and Wales is more complicated, involves less judicial responsibility and appears to be less effective. The court makes an order under the provisions of section 37 of the Mental Health Act and the patient is then admitted to the regional secure unit, a district hospital psychiatric secure unit or, in more serious cases, to a special hospital such as Broadmoor. In the third case patients are usually under a Home Office restriction order.

Patients who have committed an offence and been admitted to hospital without a Home Office order can be discharged by their doctor or, after the first six months, by a tribunal. Although there is the provision to send patients home on leave, there is no way that they can be recalled, should they stop taking medicine, unless there is evidence that they are mentally ill once more. Although the supervision registers which the Department of Health introduced earlier this year are an encouraging development, they do not resolve this problem.

We would advocate the adoption of the German system in England and Wales. It would go some considerable way towards ensuring that psychiatrists, desperate for beds, would not be permitted to discharge patients who had committed offences simply because there was another patient, perhaps more seriously ill, awaiting admission.

The resource implications are substantial, but so too, eventually, would be the benefit to the public and the patients.

Yours etc,
STEPHEN D. MARTIN
(Senior registrar),
ROBERT REEVES
(Consultant forensic psychiatrist),
Wonford House Hospital,
Dryden Road,
Wonford, Exeter, Devon.
October 7.

Iraq sanctions

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, On October 4, four days before Saddam's reported new moves, you stated that "Israel is stepping up pressure on Western governments to maintain tough sanctions against Iraq" because of "evidence" that Iraq may be "behind recent cases of plutonium smuggling". Perhaps in the course of receiving this pressure, Western governments will ask Israel for full details of its own nuclear weapons programme and stockpile, and of its own record of obtaining nuclear materials and expertise from other countries. They could also refer Israel to the illegality of its attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, and remind it of the way nuclear weapons in one party's possession tend to call up nuclear weapons in its neighbours'.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH YOUNG,
100 Bayswater Road, W2.
October 9.

Picasso mural

From Professor J. E. Harris, FRS, FEng

Sir, In November 1950, J. D. Bernal, the distinguished communist physicist and a personal friend of Pablo Picasso, gave a party in his flat in Torrington Square, Bloomsbury, during which Picasso was persuaded to draw a picture in crayon, depicting two mythic figures, on one of the interior walls of the flat.

Some time later, when Bernal moved home, the plaster with its painting was removed from the wall and presented to the Institute of Contemporary Arts. It was displayed for many years in the foyer of the ICA's Mall gallery. Bernal died in 1971.

Some two years ago, needing restoration, the mural was taken down and moved into storage. Since then, the ICA has decided to sell it, and it is currently stored in a London auction house. It would be the ultimate irony if this tribute by one European communist to another should end up, as is only too likely, in that home of capitalism, the USA.

Yours faithfully,
JACK HARRIS,
28 Hopton Road,
Cam, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

Organ transplant cards

From Mr Matthew Bowles and Miss Vanessa Morgan

Sir, We wish Mr Peter Allen, who wonders "whether anyone will want my clapped-out bits and pieces" (letter, October 5), good health for many years to come. However, he may be reassured to know that he will be able to donate his kidneys up to the age of 76 years, and that in the case of corneas there is no age limit.

Mr Allen will doubtless be aware that very few people die in the particular circumstances which allow their kidneys, liver, heart and lungs to be used for transplantation — hence the long waiting-lists for such operations. These circumstances are not required for corneal donation, which can restore the sight of two people.

We would therefore encourage Mr Allen to continue to carry his donor card and to be sure that his family are awgre of his wishes.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW BOWLES
(Transplant Registrar),
VANESSA MORGAN (Transplant Coordinator, North Thames East Regional Health Authority),
St Bartholomew's Hospital, EC1.

From Mr Stephen Tee

Sir, My father died in July this year at the age of 82. The hospital matron told me that he had a donor card on him and asked for my permission to use it. I was surprised that any of his "bits and pieces" would be of any use. He had been very unwell for many years.

A few weeks later, I received a letter from South Thames Transplant Co-ordination Service to tell me that my father's corneas had been used and have "literally given the gift of sight" to two people. He would have been delighted.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN TEE,
1 East View, High Street,
Bidborough, Kent.

From Mr G. Smith

Sir, The new National Lottery is currently being widely advertised. If an offer of free tickets was included in the advertising for everyone registering as organ donors it could be the catalyst needed to significantly increase the number of donors.

Yours sincerely,
G. SMITH,
9 Ash Close, Sidcup, Kent.

From Mr David H. Hall

Sir, I have donated my body — with delayed completion of course — for medical research. Mr Allen may perhaps take the view that if our organs appreciate in tune with the hysterical prices asked for elderly motor car parts, we shall both — to quote Soames Forsyte — "cut up very warm indeed".

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
DAVID HALL,
5 Broughton Road,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Princess defamed?

From Mr Peter F. Carter-Ruck

Sir, Mr Neville Peel (letter, October 6) may be correct in stating that Anna Pasternak's book, if true, would amount to a breach by James Hewitt of the Statute of Treasons, but not that the Princess of Wales would be an accessory.

By virtue of the Treason Act 1351, "If a man do violate the Queen or the wife of the monarch's eldest son and heir, it ought to be judged treason". To violate is defined, *inter alia*, to mean to ravage, to treat irreverently or to treat without proper respect or regard.

Yours faithfully,
PETER F. CARTER-RUCK,
75 Shoe Lane, EC4.
October 6.

Muddied waters

From Mrs Angela Jefferson

Sir, I was surprised to read Matthew Parris's definition of "*eau-de-nil*" in his report of the opening of the Labour Party conference (October 4).

Eau-de-nil for me has always meant very pale green; so I was somewhat nonplussed to see it described as turquoise. In fact, I had to rush to my dictionary in order to satisfy myself on its precise colour characteristics. According to Collins's Dictionary, it is a "pale greenish-yellow" colour. However, its literal meaning is "water of the Nile" — a rather murky colour, well-suited to the Labour conference.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA JEFFERSON,
12 Hill View Road, Oxford.

Choosing to pay

From the Chairman of the Selsdon Group

Sir, Mr Graham Walker (letter, October 4) compares the "free" Smithsonian Institution with the "expensive" Portsmouth naval heritage area. Naturally, one wants "history" to be free but, as history itself teaches, goods and services can never be free — someone, somewhere has to pay.

The Smithsonian is free because the American taxpayer subsidises it through the tax breaks allowed under American charity law. Like our own mortgage interest tax relief, the mechanism subsidises the better-off at the expense of the less well-off.

The Conservative Party in general, and the Selsdon Group in particular, believe that people should have the freedom to choose to pay, rather than be forced to pay for "free" services through taxation.

Yours sincerely,
NICK TATE,
Chairman, The Selsdon Group,
170 Sloane Street, SW1.

From the General Manager of the Flagship Portsmouth Trust

Sir, We would certainly like to be able to offer free admission to the *Mary Rose*, *HMS Warrior* (1860) and the Royal Naval Museum. Unfortunately this is not possible because the ships receive almost no public subsidy.

Apart from *HMS Victory*, which is still the flagship of the Second Sea Lord, they are run by charitable trusts, which depend on income from ticket sales and donations.

However, the comprehensive £33.75 ticket cited by Mr Walker entitles a family of six to enjoy three of the world's most famous warships, an outstanding museum, our Dockyard Apprentice exhibition and our current temporary exhibitions on D-Day and the Dreadnought battleships. This can easily occupy a full day.

Yours faithfully,
D. GEDDES, General Manager,
Flagship Portsmouth Trust,
Porter's Lodge, Building 1/7,
College Road, HM Naval Base,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.

From Mr T. T. Parker

Sir, In suggesting that the Portsmouth exhibitions should be free, Mr Graham seems to be saying that taxpayers who don't want to visit them — should pay as much for their upkeep as those who do.

I recently visited the Royal Naval Museum (having already seen the three ships Mr Walker mentions, and the submarine at Gosport). I must admit that my pride in the achievements of our sailors over the past 500 years was not diminished because I had to pay rather less than the price of two pints of beer to do so.

Yours faithfully,
TOM PARKER,
26 Church Street,
Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire.

From Mr F. H. Connolley

Sir, It is unfair to set the Smithsonian museums in Washington against the National Heritage exhibit at Portsmouth rather than the comparable national museums in London, most of which charge no admission fees.

On a recent visit to San Francisco I was asked to pay $6 at the Hyde Street Pier Maritime Museum, in order to view a sailing ship, a small Klondike side-wheel steamship and a few assorted items linked to the port's history.

Yours faithfully,
F. H. CONNOLLEY,
172 Jasmine Crescent,
Princes Risborough,
Buckinghamshire.

Labour and Ulster

From Mr Robert R. Rodwell

Sir, Your welcome call (leading article, October 6) for Labour to develop a mature policy towards Northern Ireland could have gone further than simply to urge Mr Blair to consider the case for his party organising here, though your suggested firing of its spokesman on Northern Ireland, Kevin McNamara, would be a good start.

Not only does Labour decline to contest elections here but it rejects for membership anyone applying from a Northern Ireland address. Yet if you apply to Walworth Road from, say, Bangkok, Brisbane or Bangui, you will be readily accorded overseas membership.

How does a party which professes to be both national and democratic, and has a realistic possibility of forming the next government, justify its exclusion of UK taxpayers and electors?

Yours faithfully,
BOB RODWELL,
86 Shore Road,
Ballyhalbert, Co. Down.
October 6.

Ferry disaster

From Mr Richard J. Tormey

Sir, On December 30, 1971, my wife and I embarked with our car aboard an unstabilised roll-on, roll-off ferry from Southampton to Bilbao. We were to experience one of the worst storms at that time in living memory — as Sir Edward Heath will remember since he lost his yacht *Morning Cloud* in the Channel as a result.

When at last we arrived in Bilbao, after a truly dreadful journey through the Bay of Biscay, vehicles could not disembark due to extensive damage to the bow doors, which had to be repaired by welding equipment. We were unable to resume our journey to southern Spain for several hours; but thankfully we did arrive safely.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD J. TORMEY,
Flat 16, Waverley Lodge,
Sandyford, Newcastle on Tyne.

Bestsellers

From Mr N. B. Adams

Sir, You reported (Business News, September 28) that Dorling Kindersley's bestselling book in the UK last year was *Encyclopaedia of Gardening*, whilst in the USA it was the *Ultimate Sex Guide*.

Does this indicate what most interests each nation? Or what each nation is most ignorant of?

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL ADAMS,
10 De Walden Court,
85 New Cavendish Street, W1.
October 7.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 8: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The Duchess of Gloucester for Hong Kong and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 8: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this afternoon attended "Challenge '94 — the Great Escape" at Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Mr Thomas Dunne).

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 8: The Hon. Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 8: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Help the Hospices' Tenth Anniversary Year, this evening attended the Voices for Hospices Concert at St John's Smith Square, London SW1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 8: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon departed from Heathrow Airport to carry out engagements in Hong Kong and Japan.

Upon arrival at Heathrow Airport Her Royal Highness was received by Sir Michael Pike (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr John Patterson (British Airways Director of Operational Performance).

Miss Suzaane Marland is in attendance.

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 9: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend Keith Angus preached the Sermon.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, will preside at a meeting for the executive committee followed by a luncheon at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; and as senior fellow, will open the new Headquarters of the Royal Academy of Engineering, at 29 Great Peter Street, Westminster, SW1, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal will open the new training centre for the Women's Education in Building, under the Westway, Ladbroke Grove, at 2.15; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will preside at the 27th meeting of the Industry and Commerce Group at Marlborough House at 4.00 and attend the annual corporate members reception afterwards.

Later, as Patron of the United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust, she will attend the public lecture given by Sir Edmund Hillary on Antarctica at the Royal Geographical Society at 7.50.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception given by the trustees and the curator at the Guards Museum at 6.30; and will attend a dinner at the Tate Gallery at 7.40 to mark the opening of the James McNeill Whistler exhibition.

Service luncheons

Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Association

Captain W.J.M. Teale, President of th Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Association, presided at the annual reunion luncheon held on Saturday at the Merchant Navy Hotel, London.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Brigadier W.J. Hiles presided at the annual London luncheon of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers held on Saturday at The Queen's Club, West Kensington.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacobus Arminius, theologian, Oudewater, The Netherlands, 1560; Jean-Antoine watteau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish, chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731; Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738; John Abercrombie, physician, Aberdeen, 1780; Hugh Miller, geologist, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, composer, Parma, Italy, 1813; Sir John Simon, pathologist and sanitary reformer, London, 1816; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic 1883-1902, Colesberg, Cape Colony, 1825; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21, Viceroy of India 1921-26, London, 1860; Fridtjof Nansen, Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Frøen, Norway, 1861; William Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Worcester, 1877; Alberto Giacometti, painter and sculptor, Stampa, Switzerland, 1901.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", 1772; Henry Brooke, novelist, Dublin, 1783; Francois Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Paris, 1837; Edouard Daladier, Premier of France 1933-34 and 1938-40, Paris, 1970; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, London, 1983; Yul Brynner, actor, New York, 1985.

British suffragette, Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst, formed the Women's Social and Political Union in Manchester to fight for female emancipation, 1903.

The Fiji Islands were proclaimed independent, 1970.

Mrs Armand Gazel

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Armand Gazel will be held at St Stephen's Church, Gloucester Road, London, on Wednesday, October 12, at 11.45am.


MARTIN BEDDALL

Martin van Zyl Steyn and Alison Footitt leaving St Peter's Church, Hever, after their marriage on Saturday

Marriages

Mr J.A.J. Reilly and Miss C.A. Shenkman

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Nicholas', Wilsford, of Mr Alyosha Reilly, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.A.P. Reilly, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, to Clarissa Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr A.I. Shenkman, of Kensington, London, and Mrs B. Shenkman, of Wilsford, Wilts.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Melissa, Emma, Nina and Alexander Shenkman, Alice and Archie Burden, Jessica Rose, Lottie Catto and Tom Brice. Mr Julian Reilly was best man.

Dr J.F. Sharp and Miss L.O. Prince

The marriage took place at St Paul's, Dover, on Saturday, October 1, 1994, between Dr James Frederick Sharp, son of Mr and Mrs James Sharp, of Walmer, Kent, and Miss Lorraine Olive Prince, only daughter of Mr Graham Prince, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Mrs Olive Prince, of Folkestone, Kent. Father David Maher and the Rev Bruce Hawkins officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Pauline Griffiths, Amy Cumming and Christopher Barry. Dr Andrew Young was best man.

Mr M. van Zyl Steyn and Miss A.J. Footitt

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Hever, Kent, of Mr Martin van Zyl Steyn, elder son of Lord Justice Steyn, of Swafield, Norfolk, and Mrs Jean Steyn, of Sevenoaks, to Miss Alison Jane Footitt, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Footitt, of Sevenoaks, Canon Brian Simmons officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Clare Footitt and Miss Ginny Webb. Mr Adrian Betts was best man.

A reception was held at Chiddingstone Castle and the honeymoon will be spent in The Maldives.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J.M. Herring and Miss G.F. Smith

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.E. Herring, of The Dairy House, Upwey, Weymouth, Dorset, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Smith, of Preston, Lancashire.

Mr R.L. Munnings and Miss K.J. White

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of the late Mr and Mrs Sidney Munnings, of Bathford, Avon, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis White, of West Adderbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr R.M. Niessen and Miss C.A.V.H. Motion

The engagement is announced between Rembrandt, younger son of Mr Thies Niessen, of Mook, and Mrs Margareth C. Houtzager Niessen, of Molenhoek, The Netherlands, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Motion, of Leigh, Surrey.

Mr V. Padiachy and Miss S.K. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Vighnesh, only son of the late Dr M. Padiachy and of Mrs G. Padiachy, of Kimberley, South Africa, and Susannah Katherine, only daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Robert Taylor, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

Mr C.E. Stott and Dr L.B. Sellar

The engagement is announced between Charles Edmund Stott, of Bellanoch by Lochgilphead, Argyll, and Louise Sellar, of Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Martin Butt, Team Vicar, Walsall Team Ministry and Industrial Chaplain, Black Country Urban Misson (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-charge, plurality of Farewell and Gentleshaw, same diocese

The Rev Peter Clarke, Vicar, Tintinhull w. Chiltborne Domer, Yeovil and Thorne Coffin: to be Priest-in-charge, Weston-super-Mare All Saints and St Saviour's (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Paul Davies, Curate, Croydon Holy Saviour (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge, Norton-le-Moors (Lichfield).

The Rev David Ford, Rector, Thybergh w. Hooton Roberts (Sheffield): to be Priest-in-charge, Hartland w. Welcombe (Exeter)

The Rev Marcia Frampton, permission to officiate in the South Wye Team Ministry: to be Curate (NSM), South Wye Team Ministry (Hereford)

The Rev Angus Galbraith, Rector, Holy Trinity w. St Matthew, Southwark: to be Vicar, St Edward the King, New Addington (Southwark)

The Rev Harry Hall, Assistant Curate, Bourne: to be Priest-in-charge, Sutterton and Wigtoft, Fosdyke and Algarkirk (Lincoln)

The Rev Horace Harper, Vicar, Dresden: to be also Priest-in-charge, Normacot (Lichfield)

The Rev Jeremy Hellier, Team Rector, Widecombe-in-the Moor, Leusdon, Princetown, Postbridge, Huccaby and Holne (Exeter): to be Chaplain of Wellington School (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Andrew Hutchinson, Curate, St Chad w. St Mary, Shrewsbury (Lichfield): to be Chaplain to Hereford Catheral School and Succentor of Hereford Cathedral (Hereford)

The Rev Peggy Jackson, Team Minister, Hemel Hempstead: to be Team Vicar, Hemel Hempstead: District of St Paul's, Highfield (St Albans)

The Rev Donald Kerridge, Vicar, St Swithin's, Lincoln: also to have pastoral oversight of All Saints, Lincoln (Lincoln)

The Ven Christopher Laurence, formerly Archdeacon of Lindsey (Lincoln): now Archdeacon Emeritus

The Rev David Maylor, Curate, All Saints, Hindley (Liverpool): to be Priest-in-charge, Spalding St Paul (Lincoln)

The Rev Roger Packer, Vicar, Bridgwater St Mary and Chilton Trinity and Durleigh: to be also Rural Dean of Bridgwater (Bath and Wells)

The Rev Christopher Puckrin, Curate (Associate Minister) St Michael-le-Belfrey, York (York): to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Barnstaple (Exeter)

The Rev Richard Shaw, Vicar, St George, Clun w. St Mary, Bettws-y-Crwyn and St John, Newcastle (Hereford): now also Rural Dean of Clun Forest, same diocese

The Rev Terence Stokes, Vicar, St Luke's, Birchwood, Lincoln: to be Priest-in-charge, Scopwick, Kirkby Green, Timberland and Martin (Lincoln)

The Rev Clive Styles, Curate, Burslem St John the Baptist: to be Team Vicar, Wednesfield Team Ministry w. responsibility for St Chad, Wednesfield (Lichfield)

The Rev John Thompson, Vicar, Pinhoe and Broadclyst Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Northam w. Westward Ho! and Appledore (Exeter)

The Rev Keith Tomlin, Rector, Benington w. Leverton: also to have pastoral oversight of Old Leake (Lincoln)

The Rev Andrew Vaughan, Industrial Missioner, Newport and Gwent (Monmouth): now Industrial Chaplain, Lincoln (Lincoln).

The Rev Keith Walker, Rector, Penshaw: to be also Priest-in-charge, Shiney Row and Herrington in plurality (Durham)

The Rev Stephen Walker, Assistant Curate, Newland St John, Hull (York): to be Priest-in-charge, Grove Green Local Ecumenical Project within the benefice of Boxley (Canterbury)

The Rev Jeremy White, Team Vicar, within the South Molton Team Ministry (Exeter): to be Vicar, Sway (Winchester)

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Anthony Burton, Vicar, Nettleham, Riseholme and Grange de Lings (Lincoln): to retire as from November 30

The Rev Peter Comerford, Rector, Mary Tavy and Peter Tavy (Exeter): to retire as from December 31

The Rev Charles Edwards, Rector, Sandford w. Upton Hellions (Exeter): to resign as from September 30

The Rev Eric Fisher, Vicar, St Matthew's, Carver Street, Sheffield (Sheffield): to retire as from January 31 1995

The Rev Paul Frostick, has resigned for personal reasons from the benefices of Bottisham and Lode w. Longmeadow (Ely) as from September 18. He has also withdrawn his acceptance of the post of Priest-in-charge, Upwell and Outwell, same diocese

The Rev Canon John Greaves, Vicar, St Cuthbert's, Durham (Durham): to resign his incumbency and his honorary canonry of Durham Cathedral as from December 1, and to be appointed Honorary Canon Emeritus from that date

The Rev Ronald Grove, Vicar, Stratford, St Paul (Chelmsford): to resign as from October 31

The Rev Preb Graham Holley, Vicar, St Bartholomew, Much Marcle and Yarnon All Saints (Hereford): to resign as from November 30

Birthdays today

Sir John Cassels, former director-general, NEDO, 66; Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, 54; Mr Charles Dance, actor, 48; Miss Laura Davies, golfer, 31; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 59; the Right Rev A.I.M. Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 79; Sir Peter Kemp, civil servant, 60; Lord Kincraig, 76; Professor J.B. Large, professor of applied acoustics, 64; Mr Daniel Massey, actor, 61; Mr Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 66; Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 64; Dr Brian Smith, principal, University of Wales College of Cardiff, 75; the Earl of Stockton, 51; Mr Chris Tarrant, broadcaster, 48; Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP, 87; Mr Richard Thornton, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, 72; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer, 41; Mr Willard White, singer and actor, 48.

Nature notes


Trees take rusty tinge

LARGE grey feathers with black tips are to be found in the countryside: they are the tail feathers of wood pigeons, which have slowly been moulting. A few wood pigeons are still cooing and some still have a late brood of young in the nest.

Some large birds are drifting far away from their breeding territories: buzzards and even ravens appear in unexpected places. Starlings are coming in across the North Sea: many of the flocks will go further south, others will cross into Ireland. Hooded crows are arriving on the east and south coasts: with their pale grey backs and undersides they are quite distinct from carrion crows.

Leaves are changing colour very slowly: in the distance most woods look green with a faint rusty tinge. Some birch trees are completely yellow. On dogwood trees there are small black berries while the leaves are turning dark purple. Guelder roses have flaming red leaves and scarlet berries. On wayfaring trees, red and black berries jostle in the same cluster. The tough plants of white yarrow are still in flower on the roadsides. Comma butterflies are basking in the autumn sunshine: their wings are like ragged scraps of tiger skin, with a small silver comma on the back.

DJM

Castle that died within two years

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TEN years' excavation at a small castle on the Welsh border have shown that it was built, occupied and destroyed within two years.

Unlike many Marcher castles, it had no noble history but seems to have existed purely to protect sources of building supplies. The first mention of Symon's Castle, near Church Stoke in Powys, comes in 1231, when Simon de Parco fortified "the king's castle of Snead" in the forest of the same name.

In 1233 it was handed over to the constable of Montgomery Castle and disappears from history, although the Crown was still receiving rent for the site in the 16th century.

The investigations by Dr Chris Arnold of the University of Wales and Dr Jeremy Huggett of Glasgow University have shown that Symon's Castle used natural rock outcrops, modified by cutting and infilling. The motte, or main fortified mound, was a knob of rock with ramparts round part of its top.

The top itself had only two structures, built of timber and windproofed with clay. The main structure has been traced by the distribution of fragments of this coating, fired hard when the buildings were destroyed.

Blobs of lead suggest that the roof ridge was sealed with lead sheeting; the structure seems to have collapsed to one side as it burned down. Pottery was rough local domestic ware, some brought up from Herefordshire.

The castle seems to have been built to protect limestone quarries and timber supplies in the Forest of Snead, needed for larger and more important fortifications in the region.

It was probably never finished: piles of stone suggest "that it was like a building site when it was abandoned", Dr Huggett said. When the end came, the buildings and defences were set alight to make sure that nobody else used Symon's Castle as a base for insurrection along the border.

The ruin lapsed into 750 years of obscurity, from which the current excavations have rescued it.

Dinners

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

The Lord Chief Justice was guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (UK Branch) held at Claridge's Hotel, on Thursday, October 6. Lord and Lady Woolf were the hosts. Judge Hadassah Ben-Itto, international president, gave a speech of greeting and Judge Myrella Cohen, QC, responded to the speech made by the Lord Chief Justice.

Royal Air Force Gang Shows Association

Mr Robert Reader, Chairman of the Royal Air Force Gang Shows Association, presided at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the Rembrandt Hotel, London. Wing Commander P. Chadwick, representing the Royal Air Forces Association, Mr Gorden Kay, Miss Carmen Silvera and Mr Jack Seaton, Chairman of the British Music Hall Society, were the guests of honour.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

Dr Anthony Toft, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, was the host at the triennial dinner held on Saturday at 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh. Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, and the Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders were among the guests.

Service dinner

HAC

Colonel Brian Kay presided at the annual dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company Saddle Club held on Saturday at Armoury House.

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BY JOHN YOUNG

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LOVELL - On 6th October 1994 to Catherine (née Baron) and Jack, a son Edmund David Rupert, a brother for Harry and Charlie

MARKS - On 1st October at Harrogate General Hospital, to Jane and Paul, a son, Jonathan, a brother for Laura.

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DEATHS

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BURN - On 7th October, Colin Mackenzie, at home after a long illness. Husband of Dacia. Family Cremation. Service of Thanksgiving in Charlwood, date to be announced. No flowers. Donations if desired, to Cancer Research please.

GRAY - Peacefully on October 6th at Holme Tower, Penarth, after a long illness, Professor Oliver Peter Gray of Cyncoed Road, Cardiff. Beloved by his Wife Marion, Daughters Sheena, Jean, Kirstie and their Families. Funeral Service at St Marks Church, North Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff on Wednesday 12th October at 1.45p.m. followed by interment at Thornhill Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations if wished may be sent to Holme Tower Bridgeman Road, Penarth, South Glamorgan. Public Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

DEATHS

CRAIG - Ivan, beloved husband of Joan, father of Diane and Nigel and grandfather of Catherine. Died on 6th October 1994. Funeral Thursday 13th October 1994. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research please (A.I.C.R.).

DEATHS

HEWITT - On 1st October 1994, Richard Thornton Hewitt O.B.E., aged 77, of The White House, Ilfley, Oxford. One time member of Special Operations Executive, Assistant Registrary Cambridge University, Secretary of the Oxford University Medical School, Executive Director of the Royal Society of Medicine and Vice-President of the Royal Society of Medicine Foundation of New York. At his request cremation took place privately on Friday 7th October 1994 and there will be no memorial service.

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DEATHS

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McDONALD - On October 5th 1994, suddenly but peacefully at home, aged 64, Malcolm, beloved husband of Audrey, dear father of Ian, Richard and Stephen, father-in-law and grandfather. Much loved by all, he will be greatly missed.

DEATHS

MOORE - On 8th October, Charles Alfred George. Tragically killed in Johannesburg. Beloved husband of Marion, father of Derek and the late Christopher, father in law of Trish and proud grandfather of James and Sarah. Funeral in Johannesburg Tuesday 11th October no flowers please, but donations may be made to The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Johannesburg Branch P.O. Box 103, Edenvale, 1610, South Africa.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES HILL

James Hill, British film director, died in London on October 7 aged 75. He was born in Yorkshire in 1919.

ALTHOUGH he produced a number of films of considerable distinction, particularly in the sphere of shorts and documentaries, James Hill will be overwhelmingly remembered as the director of *Born Free* (1966), a true-life tale of lion conservation in Kenya. Adapted from Joy Adamson's book of the same title, the film, which featured Virginia McKenna as Joy Adamson and Bill Travers as her game-warden husband, George, was a big hit in this country.

It had all the ingredients calculated to appeal to British audiences: vulnerable and cuddly lion cubs; a handsome-looking husband and wife team (both on and off screen); plenty of ravishing African scenery; and a heart-warming happy ending in which the domesticated lioness Elsa is eventually trained to fend for herself and released to the bush.

Yet it is to Hill's credit that this tale never descended into schmaltz. A certain wry humour in the observation of the protagonists of the drama prevented that. In particular, the casting of Geoffrey Keen as Kendall, the government commissioner who eventually persuades the Adamsons that the proper place for their potentially dangerous pet is either a zoo or the wild, gave a pleasant leaven to what might have become gross sentimentality; this was well managed by Keen communicating to the mildly-besotted pair that he, like many others of rational mind, actually found the pungent close-quarters company of fully grown lions to be an overrated intimacy.

Be that as it may, *Born Free* did more, perhaps, than any other film of its time to raise general consciousness of the vulnerability of big game in the wild to human depredations. It also stimulated Bill Travers to make documentary wildlife films himself and Virginia McKenna to launch the wildlife pressure group Zoocheck.

James Hill was born in the Airedale village of Eldwick, not far from Bingley, although his father came from nearby Bradford. He was educated at Belle Vue Grammar School, Bradford, which he left to go on stage at the Bradford Civic Playhouse.

But he was gravitating towards the screen and before the war he joined the GPO film unit. With its thoughtful, carefully-crafted work this was an excellent academy for the development of Hill's documentary-making talent.

When war broke out he joined the RAF in 1939 and was soon serving in the RAF film unit. Over the next five years he flew on numerous day and night missions both in night fighters and bombers, and took part in bombing raids on Berlin, on the Ruhr and on Italian targets. The films he produced as a result of these sorties were of great value to the conduct of subsequent operations.



Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers as Joy and George Adamson in James Hill's film *Born Free*

After the war he joined the documentary film-maker Paul Rotha, who had also been with the GPO film unit in the 1930s but had now set up as an independent producer (and was subsequently to become a noted film theorist and author). Over the next few years Hill directed a number of films for Rotha as well as directing *Journey for Jeremy* for Gaumont-British Instructional Films in 1947.

Hill was soon gaining a quiet but impressive reputation as a documentary director, and in the early 1950s he began to tackle features, several of which he wrote himself. He was most at home with either adventure or nature films and wrote and directed many episodes for television series such as *The Saint* and *The Avengers*.

Among his early feature films were *The Stolen Plans* (1952), which he also wrote; *Gibraltar Adventure* and *The Clue of the Missing Ape* (both 1952).

In 1961 he won an Academy Award for *Gluseppina*, a short film sponsored by British Petroleum. With its apparently artless format — the daughter of the proprietor of an Italian filling station spends an afternoon wryly observing the foibles of her father's clients — the film nevertheless left a vivid impression for its Tati-esque humour.

The Dock Brief (1962), known in the US as *Trial and Error*, brought him to more general notice. A full-length version of a television play by John Mortimer (who also wrote the film script), it got off to a good start, thanks to a star performance from Peter Sellers as the unsuccesful barrister briefed to defend the character played by Richard Attenborough, who is accused of murder. But many felt it actually lacked the tautness of Mortimer's original treatment.

Among Hill's other films of the 1960s were *Every Day's a Holiday* (1964) and *A Study in Terror*, a Sherlock Holmes take-off featuring Frank Finlay, Barbara Windsor, Judi Dench, Robert Morley and Anthony Quayle, which came out in 1965. In the following year the success of *Born Free* propelled Hill into the big league, but he never became a prolific director, preferring to be associated with projects which took his fancy.

Captain Nemo and the Underwater City (1969) took the adventures of the protagonist of Jules Verne's *Ten Thousand Leagues under the Sea* a stage further, while *Black Beauty*, featuring Patrick Mower (1971), was a remake of the American 1946 version of Anna Sewell's novel, which had the virtue of adhering more faithfully to the book, to provide good children's entertainment. *The Belstone Fox* (1973), a screen version of David Rook's novel *The Ballad of the Belstone Fox*, gave free rein to Hill's penchant for animal and countryside photography.

Hill continued to direct for television well into the 1980s.

SYDNEY MACDONALD-SMITH

Sydney ("Sam") Macdonald-Smith, CMG, former colonial administrator, died on September 18 aged 86. He was born on July 9, 1908.



SAM Macdonald-Smith belonged to that generation of colonial administrators who did themselves out of a job after the war. As chief regional officer for the Gold Coast's northern territories he successfully helped to organise the country's first general election in 1957, bringing into the world the new independent state of Ghana. Within weeks of Kwame Nkrumah being installed as Ghana's first President, however, Macdonald-Smith found himself on the way home, his career over. He was aged 49.

This was despite the fact that not long before, he had been looked upon as a high-flyer, well regarded by Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, and a likely candidate for higher office.

Sydney Macdonald-Smith — he was universally known as Sam throughout his life — was born in Edinburgh, the son of medical missionaries in India. His father, a qualified doctor, came from Bangor, Co Down, and young Sam spent happy boyhood holidays in Ireland. He was educated in England, however, becoming head boy at Nottingham High School from where he won an exhibition to New College, Oxford, to read chemistry.

A tall, strapping athlete, he rowed for New College and was at one one time on the fringe of winning a Blue. Disappointed not to have done so after spending so much time on the river, he concentrated on rugby instead, playing for the college and turning out for London Irish. He was always proud of his Irish lineage.

Turned down for the Indian Civil Service because his eyesight did not meet the stiff medical requirements, he joined the Colonial Service in Nigeria instead. He sailed for West Africa in 1931, beginning as an active assistant district officer in the north.

Macdonald-Smith spent the next 14 years in provincial administration, before joining the secretariat in Lagos at the end of the Second World War. After two years as controller of imports he was made director of supplies in 1947, only to be transferred to the Gold Coast on promotion in 1949. The country was already being groomed for independence and in the following year Macdonald-Smith was made one of 11 permanent secretaries in Accra working under a number of black ministers, including Nkrumah. His own empire was the Ministry of Communications and Works, which gave him responsibility for roads, railways, posts and telegraphs, civil aviation, all public works and the water supply. He took charge of the northern territories in 1954.

On his return to this country three years later, he joined Guinness, working his way up to become a senior representative. Although he missed West Africa and the life there, he was a tough-minded, philosophical man who took life as it came and never complained. He retired for the second time aged 63 and thereafter spent his hours gardening and playing golf.

Sam Macdonald-Smith's first wife Joyce died in 1966. He is survived by his second wife Molly, the widow of a Royal Navy captain who was killed during the war in the Pacific, and by a son and daughter from his first marriage. His son Ian won an Olympic gold medal for sailing in 1968.

BERNARD LUCAS

Bernard Lucas, President of the Institute of Hospital Engineering from 1973 to 1975, died on August 21 aged 78. He was born on February 16, 1916.

IN AN age of increasingly narrow specialisation Bernard Lucas stood out as exemplifying the older tradition of wide-ranging knowledge and interests, professional and social. Principally concerned throughout his career with original development work wherein engineering and medical practices were combined, he contributed not only to the evolution of new techniques and devices, but also to the administrative structure of committees and societies to ensure their continuing refinement and usage.

Bernard Lucas was a Dorset man. He was originally apprenticed to Vickers Supermarine at the time when they were building the racing seaplanes that eventually won the Schneider Trophy for Britain. Because of the depression in engineering he changed to medicine and after qualifying he joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and served throughout the war in RAF medical research, largely on high-altitude problems.

After demobilisation in 1945 he went to University College Hospital, with which he retained links to the end of his professional life. Later he went to the Hospital for Sick Children, the Brompton Hospital and the National Heart Hospital, London. He became the senior consultant anaesthetist to the last two.

He took part in the early work on bloodstream cooling and developed a special blood pump. In the late 1950s he was director of the cardiac research unit at the Hospital for Sick Children, largely concerned with the development of heart, lung and other machinery for heart surgery.

Still in the field of engineering and respiratory problems he worked on breathing machines, respirators and high-pressure oxygen systems. He was consultant both to the Chemical Defence Establishment at Porton and to the London Fire Brigade.

When medical automation took off in the 1960s he worked with Elliott Medical Automation Ltd and Vickers Ltd and he was party to the introduction of medical automation to University College Hospital. He set up a number of medical engineering departments in various hospitals, holding to the philosophy that the engineering contribution should always be to full and proper professional standards.

He was one of the founder members of the Biomedical Engineering Society and of the Medical Engineering Working Party of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, of which he was chairman. He also served on the Research Committee of the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases, the medical commission on accident prevention, the councils of the Royal Humane Society and the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene and sundry BSI committees.

Apart from his own writings he was adviser to two publishing firms and editor of two journals, *Community Health* and *Engineering in Medicine*. He was frequently called as an expert witness in medico-engineering matters, particularly for respiratory and asphyxiation cases. He delighted to recall an incident in court when learned counsel asked whether he was familiar with a chapter in a standard textbook, eliciting the reply, "Yes, I wrote it."

In the field of social duties to his fellow men he was equally dedicated. Public recognition of this was his investiture as an Officer Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. In 1990 he was invested in the knighthood of the order. He was an active and prominent member of the Order of Freemasons. He sat as a magistrate in inner London (in spite of having removed a Belisha Beacon from its pole when a student).

Throughout his life he enjoyed good food, good wine and good company and he always enlivened social gatherings large or small. His major other relaxation was sailing, initially deep water, but latterly coastal.

Chronic arthritis steadily encroached in his later years, eventually leading to a wheelchair existence. He bore its onset with a stoicism remarkable in one who fully understood the inevitability of its progress.

Bernard Lucas was married twice and is survived by three sons and a daughter.

DR A. T. RICHARDSON

Dr A. T. Richardson, former consultant rheumatologist at the Royal Free Hospital, died on September 10 aged 71. He was born on April 28, 1923.

AS ONE of the pioneers of electrodiagnosis, which transformed the investigation of diseases of peripheral nerves and muscles, Tony Richardson undoubtedly had a remarkable academic intellect. However, it is as an outstanding physician that many will remember him.

His skill in diagnosis and treatment was matched by great warmth and understanding towards his patients. During his 35 years at the Royal Free Hospital, he built up the department to international renown, and was a major influence in the planning and construction of the new Royal Free in 1974.

Arthur Tom Richardson — known from childhood as Tony — was born in Corringham, Essex, and educated at Caterham School and St Thomas' Medical School. He qualified in 1945 and after working as a house physician served for two years as a flight lieutenant medical officer in the RAF.

His interest in electrodiagnosis was the result of inspired medical thinking while working with Dr Philippe Bauwens at St Thomas'. By his mid-twenties he was already contributing scientific papers on the subject to medical journals, and his originality was rewarded with a research fellowship in neurology at St Thomas' after he left the RAF. Throughout his career he contributed numerous publications on electrodiagnosis and rheumatology.

Richardson quickly rose through the medical establishment to become the youngest consultant of his generation at the age of 31, in what was then the Department of Rheumatology and Rehabilitation at the Royal Free Hospital. He was a consultant at several hospitals including the Royal Masonic. Other honours included his being made a Freeman of the City of London and an honorary member of the American Academy of Physical Medicine. He was also a member of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine and of the board of governors of the Royal Free.

As president of the British Association for Rheumatology and Rehabilitation in 1976 he was particularly proud that during his period of office there were considerable developments in rheumatology associated with World Rheumatism Year. In 1992 he was made a Fellow of the Medical Society of London.



In addition to a distinguished career in the National Health Service, Richardson also built up a highly successful Harley Street practice. As the acknowledged expert in his field, he was consulted by many prominent public figures from Britain and abroad. London Zoo even sought his advice when Winston Churchill's lion was suffering from muscle-wasting. Richardson recommended a diet that included offal as well as prime red meat. The lions' diet was changed and they thrived.

Richardson had a broad range of personal interests, and a wide circle of friends. He was a keen yachtsman, a member of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, and an enthusiastic competitor in the Harwich-Ostend race with his clinker-built yacht *Denebola*.

He thoroughly enjoyed teaching and examining medical students, and they returned the compliment by electing him to the presidency of the Royal Free School of Pharmacy Rugby Football Club.

In retirement he studied for a BA in Philosophy of Religion at King's College London and was doing research for a PhD in human sacrifice in Hindu goddess worship. Those who had admired his clinical skills and judgment were not surprised that he could so swiftly master a new academic discipline. He became an authority on the Thuggees and was looking forward to talking in India on the subject.

He married first in 1948 Doreen Jackson. The marriage ended in divorce, and he married Janet MacPherson in 1964. His two daughters from this marriage survive. He also leaves one of the two sons from his first marriage, the younger of whom died just two weeks before him.



PIUS XII

Every new successor to the Chair of PETER declares in the moment of elevation something of his personal affiliations by his choice of pontifical name; and therefore a thread of continuous tradition necessarily links the three Popes in this century who have taken to themselves the name of Pius. Pius X, late canonized, is remembered chiefly for his extreme simplicity and otherworldliness. Pius XI was a man of learning, both wide and deep, versed also in the management of the Church's diplomatic affairs, amid the entanglements of the world. Each of them, perhaps, was in his own peculiar excellencies the superior of Pius XII, who yet, sharing in the virtues and abilities of both his predecessors, combined them in a many-sided balance that was his own. He was a man of intellect, a man of affairs, filled with the love of God and with compassion for men.

In his own communion he may well be remembered, among holders of his great office in recent centuries, as pre-eminently the layman's Pope. Inspired as he was by an intense devotion to the MOTHER of God, his thought was often antipathetic to Christians bred in reaction against the medieval cult. Yet in the most of Latin Europe and America it was this dedication that peculiarly identified him with living popular emotions. He was speaking, moreover, a language readily comprehended by Christians of the eastern patriarchates, to whom he was so anxious to extend a hand across the ancient breach.

The POPE stood out as representative and interpreter of the inarticulate millions of his world-wide flock. By his reform, or rather restoration, of the liturgy, by stimulating the movement for the active participation of the laity in the rites, by relaxing the disciplinary rules so as to make frequent access to the sacraments easy in the conditions of modern life, he endeavoured always to emphasise that the divine society of the Church is a fellowship of the people and not a recondite sacerdotal cult.

His family name was appropriately PACELLI: he loved peace, and his gracious reconciling influence was powerful both within the Church and between the Church and the world. It was his fate, however, to rule his Church through twenty years of war and the fear of war; and it proved beyond his power to master the supreme forces of evil in his time. He had been less than a year in the Holy See when the fabric of precarious peace collapsed; and though across the battlefield he pleaded with the combatants to desist from their dreadful purpose no one heeded . . .

Holy of heart and noble of mind as PIUS XII undoubtedly was, he did not inherit the acknowledged arbitral authority that had lone ago belonged to the Papacy of undivided Christendom. He could and did devote himself and the resources of the Church to works of succour for the vast miseries engendered and left by the conflict; but the forces of hate and fear continued to hold dominion for the remainder of his days, and it proved beyond his strength to subdue them. This is still their hour, and the power of darkness.

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October 10 1958

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

US rushes forces to the Gulf

■ America raced to deploy a huge military force in the Gulf and gave a warning to Iraq that it would pay a "horrendous price" if it launched a second invasion of Kuwait.

The Clinton Administration ordered scores of combat aircraft, thousands of men and numerous warships carrying 200 Tomahawk cruise missiles to the Gulf region as President Saddam Hussein continued to mass Iraqi forces dangerously near the Kuwaiti border ..... Pages 1, 2, 3

Cabinet resists calls for tax cuts

■ Senior Cabinet ministers lined up to defend Kenneth Clarke's caution over tax cuts as a wave of demands from the Tory Right for immediate reductions in the next Budget threatened to undermine efforts to maintain party unity at the Bournemouth conference this week ..... Pages 1, 2, 8

Justice Bill riot

Riot police were involved in running battles with protestors as violence broke out at the end of a demonstration against the Criminal Justice Bill in central London ..... Page 1

Thatcher row

John Major faced demands for a judicial inquiry into allegations that Mark Thatcher earned £12 million from a Government arms deal with Saudi Arabia .... Page 2

Licence to kill

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency may unwittingly be helping terrorists and criminals to target victims ..... Page 5

BBC invasion

The BBC is reviving two of its most successful drama series about the last war, *Colditz* and *Fortunes of War*, to spearhead a marketing drive ..... Page 5

Rights Bill

The Government will come under pressure from judges and peers to enshrine the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law when a Bill is introduced in the House of Lords later this month ..... Page 6

Conservative crisis

A campaign for new Tory Party members will be the new chairman's only real chance before the election to halt the precipitous decline of the once-famed constituency organisation ..... Page 8

Crashed airman safe

Four airmen have been found alive after their replica biplane crash-landed on an Indonesian beach while trying to retrace the first flight from England to Australia ..... Page 10

Transplant warning

Transplant surgeons were told by the Department of Health that keeping patients alive to harvest organs was illegal ..... Page 10

Family's anguish

Alison Routley, the legal executive who disappeared for nine days, celebrated her 35th birthday in hospital as her family tried to accept her intention to cut them out of her life ..... Page 5

Cult leader doubt

Swiss police said they were far from convinced by claims from members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult that its co-founder was among the victims of last week's mass killing ..... Page 11

Democratic gloom

President Clinton has become one of the most unpopular presidents since polling began and one-party rule in Washington has failed to bring radical changes ..... Page 12

Europe' future

If the Social Democrats take power in Germany there will be no drive to create a "hardcore" or a fast track Europe, a leading opposition politician emphasised in an interview ..... Page 13

New York operation saves girl

■ A three-year-old girl who had brain surgery in the US which is unavailable in Britain, returned home to Cheshire after doctors declared the operation a success. Alicia McCluckie's parents went to New York after they were told the £35,000 operation to remove a brain tumour the size of an orange was available in only two hospitals worldwide ..... Page 5

ROBIN MAYES



Members of Ysgol Glanaethwy of Bangor preparing for the finals of the Barclays Music Theatre competition in London today

BUSINESS

Retailing: One of America's leading retailers makes its debut in the UK, marking the start of a new invasion of the high street by overseas companies ..... Page 44

Lottery: The chances of winning a major prize in the National Lottery are to be significantly increased with the announcement of a whole new raft of prize levels ..... Page 44

Oil: Traders will be watching nervously for news from the Gulf when the markets open this morning after ending last week relatively relaxed ..... Page 44

Bull: The European Commission will this week decide in principle what conditions it will attach to a Fr11 billion injection into Bull, France's loss-making state-controlled computer group .... Page 44

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Search for work: Peter Jay on the global revolution which is threatening Western jobs ..... Page 17

Word games: As many men and women have long suspected, they are not talking the same language, particularly at work. Kate Muir on a new study ..... Page 17

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Health scares: Never a week goes by without another report on a link between some illness and exposure to a particular "risk". What should one believe? ..... Page 16

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Value judgment: How concerned are parents about the league-table ratings? ..... Page 37

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Zeffirelli connection: The filmmaker has a new passion: he is one of Berlusconi's senators. It has been trouble all the way .... Page 15

Jolly knight: ENO's staging of Massenet's *Don Quixote*, not seen in London for more that 80 years, is a glorious romp ..... Page 14

Mutter magic: At the Barbican the violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, making her only recital appearance in Britain this year, played an epic programme of Beethoven and Schumann sonatas as well as 20th-century music ..... Page 14

Battle of the groups: Blur and Pulp offered a huge crowd highly contrasting rock ..... Page 14

Free music: This week's free CD is of great organ classics ..... Page 15

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Football: A goal two minutes from the end by Steven Howey, saved Newcastle United's unbeaten Premiership record as they drew 1-1 with Blackburn ..... Page 23

Golf: Unseeded Canada pulled off a surprise victory when they beat America in the final to capture Alfred Dunhill Cup ..... Page 25

Cricket: Damien Fleming, the Australian fast bowler, collected a hattrick on his Test debut in Rawalpindi and Salim Malik completed a double century as the second Test was drawn ..... Page 24

Rugby League: Great Britain will probably lose the services of Kelvin Skerritt for the first international after his injury in Wigan's 30-20 defeat by the Australians .. Page 35

Rugby Union: Bath, the champions, and Leicester retained their 100 per cent records in the latest round of Courage Clubs Championship matches ..... Page 34

Squash: Cassie Jackman, of England, was beaten by Michelle Martin, of Australia, in the women's world championships final Page 31

Tennis: Magdalena Maleeva, 19, of Bulgaria, won the European indoor championship singles title when she beat Natalia Zvereva, of Belorus ..... Page 31

Horse racing: The Derby is eight months away but Celtic Swing has already claimed favouritism on the strength of an impressive win at Ascot ..... Page 30



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ CRACKER CRACKS? Matthew Bond on Robbie Coltrane (left) as TV's messy and messed-up police psychologist

■ LONELY HEARTS George Martin on *Summer of Love*, his new book on the making of *Sgt Pepper*



TV LISTINGS

Robbie Coltrane returns as the unlikeable psychologist determined to help the police with their inquiries. *Cracker* (ITV, 9.00pm) .....Page 43

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Sanity and Saddam

In testing American resolve, time is against Saddam Hussein. He will lose — provided Mr Clinton stays the course ..... Page 19

Levelling up

Like the gradual levelling brought about by two centuries of capitalism in North America and Western Europe, the catching-up of the Third World should be seen as an opportunity, not a threat ... Page 19

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Michael Portillo, whether or not he emerges as the future leader, has already set the agenda of the Conservative debate ..... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair has already won his first victory over the Tories. He has destabilised them. Senior ministers are fascinated, yet they do not understand him. Not only has their immediate response been muddled, but they are in danger of adopting a self-consciously right-wing strategy ..... Page 18

MATTHEW PARRIS

At a Labour fringe event ... the meeting turned in anger to crush one individudal who had spoken out of line. The anger was directed not just against his opinion but against him ..... Page 18

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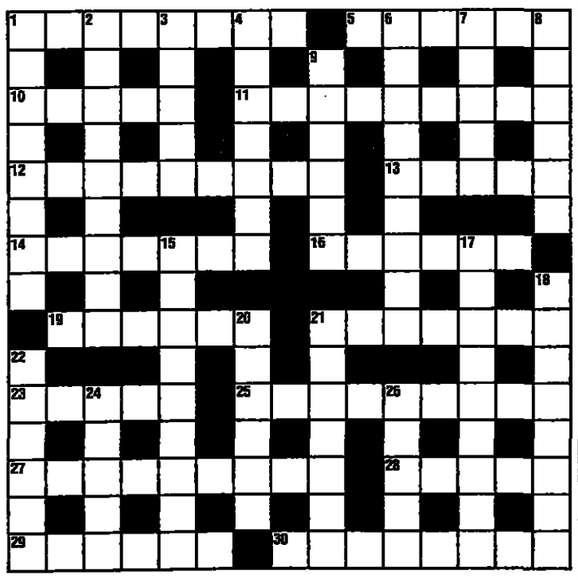
THE PAPERS

It is weakness of Mr Major's temperament that he reacts to the action of others, rather than making the weather himself. If he makes British independence his cause, he will expose the emptiness of Tony Blair —*The Sunday Telegraph*

Creating supra-national bodies that have some form of democratic accountability is the biggest challenge for the future

— *Independent on Sunday*

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ACROSS

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5 To send cash would be nonsense (6).
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11 Awfully poor Scot is after the right sort of vegetables (4-5).
12 A simple-minded healer (9).
13 It's all too short in the season, according to the Bard (5).
14 Remarkable absence of basic furniture (7).
16 Staggered, but got in line (6).
19 Forces a politician into appalling lies (6).
21 This reflects a spiteful woman's view (4-3).
23 Confused tot with a foreign article (5).
25 Clever footwork, say, required in circus occupation (4-5).
27 A police officer showing many over the horses' accommodation (9).
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29 Comment concerning evidence (6).
30 Laboured, so will be taxed (8).

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3 A woman carrier employed in Burlington House (5).
4 Dressed in cream and red (7).
6 Call to mind soldiers' prayer (9).
7 Musical instrument played in Shakespeare (5).
8 Girls appearing as topless tumblers (6).
9 Anyone dealing with plants has to work unhurriedly (6).
15 The yeoman — no vegetarian, he! (9).
17 Knotting a novel tie is uplifting (9).
18 Revived in break before round 4 (8).
20 A person writing copy in quarters (6).
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24 Stuff dug up (5).
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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,668 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset,19C (66F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 0.30in, highest sunshine: Penzance, Cornwall, 9.7hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have some overnight mist in places, but that should clear during the morning. Otherwise, it will be a dry day with plenty of sunshine. However, thickening cloud may well spread into the south west later.

Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry with some sunshine once any overnight mist clears. Northern and western parts, though, will be more cloudy with a few spots of drizzle, especially later in the day.

☐ **London, SE England, East Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW and Central N England:** dry with some sun. Wind southeast, light to moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Channel Isles, S W England:** dry with sunny periods, becoming cloudy later. Wind southeast, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry with some sunny periods. Wind south, moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy, drizzle later. Wind south, moderate or fresh. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** southern areas will be dry with sunny periods after overnight mist patches clear. Northern areas will be cloudy with light rain or drizzle.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.8	-	13	55	c	Liverpool	5.8	-	16	61	b
Anglesey	8.3	-	16	61	s	London	5.0	-	18	64	b
Aspatria	2.5	-	15	59	b	Lowestoft	6.1	-	15	59	s
Aviemore	1.0	-	13	55	c	Manchester	4.6	-	16	61	b
Belfast	6.5	-	15	59	s	Margate	7.5	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	5.6	-	16	61	s	Minehead	9.5	-	18	64	s
Bognor R	8.8	-	17	63	s	Morecambe	5.2	-	17	63	b
Bournem'th	9.5	-	17	63	s	Newcastle	4.3	-	15	59	b
Bristol	9.0	-	18	64	s	Newquay	9.5	-	17	63	s
Buxton	2.9	-	13	55	b	Norwich	4.9	-	17	63	b
Cardiff	8.1	-	16	61	s	Nottingham	5.2	-	17	63	b
Clacton	4.0	-	15	59	s	Oxford	6.1	-	17	63	fg
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	10.0	-	17	63	s
Colwyn Bay	8.5	-	18	64	s	Plymouth	9.7	-	17	63	s
Cromer	0.3	-	11	52	fg	Poole	9.0	-	18	61	s
Doncaster	4.7	-	15	59	b	Prestatyn	X	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	5.5	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	8.9	-	16	61	s	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	0.3	-	14	57	c	Scarborough	9.6	-	16	61	s
Eskdalemuir	0.2	-	12	54	c	Sandown	9.7	-	16	61	s
Exmouth	9.7	-	16	61	s	Saunton Snd	9.3	-	18	64	s
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	3.2	-	13	55	b
Fishguard	8.8	-	16	61	s	Scilly Isles	9.6	-	16	61	s
Folkestone	10.1	-	15	59	s	Shanklin	9.8	-	16	61	s
Glasgow	0.5	-	15	59	c	Shrewsbury	7.5	-	16	61	b
Guernsey	9.8	-	18	64	s	Southend	8.7	-	16	61	s
Hastings	9.3	-	15	59	s	Southport	6.2	-	17	63	s
Herne Bay	7.7	-	15	59	s	Southsea	9.8	-	16	61	s
Hove	7.2	-	16	61	s	Stornoway	-	0.01	13	55	r
Hunstanton	7.6	-	13	55	s	Swanage	8.9	-	16	59	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	8.8	-	16	61	s
Isle of Man	7.1	-	15	59	s	Tenby	7.2	-	15	59	s
Jersey	10.3	-	19	66	s	Tiree	0.1	0.01	13	55	c
Kinloss	1.0	-	14	57	c	Torquay	9.9	-	18	64	s
Leeds	5.9	-	15	59	b	Tynemouth	3.1	-	13	55	b
Lerwick	2.0	0.09	12	54	r	Ventnor	10.2	-	18	64	s
Leuchars	0.9	-	14	57	c	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	9.2	-	16	61	s	Weymouth	9.9	-	16	61	s

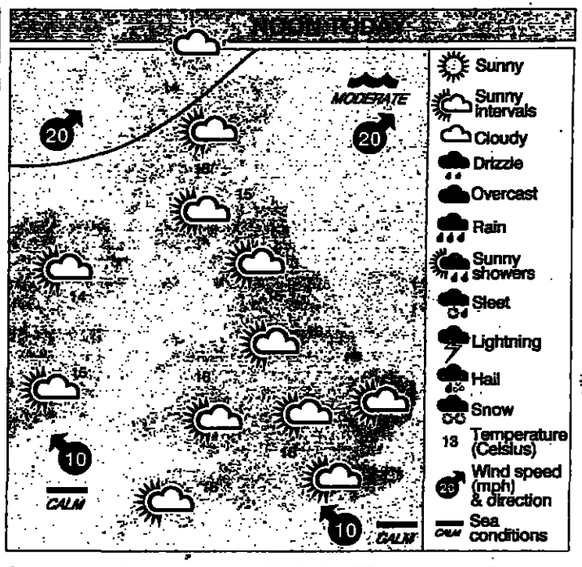
ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	s	C'phagn	11	52	c	Madrid	17	63	f
Akrotiri	32	90	f	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	22	72	d
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Dublin	14	57	s	Malaga	21	70	c
Algiers	30	86	f	Dubrovnik	17	63	s	Malta	23	73	s
Amst'dm	15	59	s	Faro	24	75	f	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	28	82	f	Florence	17	63	s	Mexico C	22	72	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Frankfurt	12	54	c	Miami	29	84	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	22	72	s	Milan	13	55	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	11	52	s	Montreal	23	73	s
Barcelona	19	66	f	Gibraltar	20	68	c	Moscow	14	57	c
Beirut	32	90	s	Helsinki	9	48	c	Munich	9	48	s
Belgrade	8	46	c	Hong K	31	88	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	11	52	f	Innsbrck	8	46	f	Naples	20	68	s
Bermuda	24	75	r	Istanbul	28	82	f	N Delhi	31	88	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jeddah	-	--		N York	23	73	s
Borde'x	20	68	s	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Nice	17	63	c
Brussels	15	59	s	Karachi	-	--		Oslo	12	54	f
Budapst	9	48	c	L Palmas	24	75	f	Paris	16	61	c
B Aires	25	77	f	Le Tquet	16	61	s	Peking	21	70	c
Cairo	30	86	f	Lisbon	21	70	f	Perth	-	--	
Cape Tn	14	57	r	Locarno	14	57	c	Prague	7	45	s
Chicago	12	54	d	L Angels	32	90	s	Reykjavik	8	46	c
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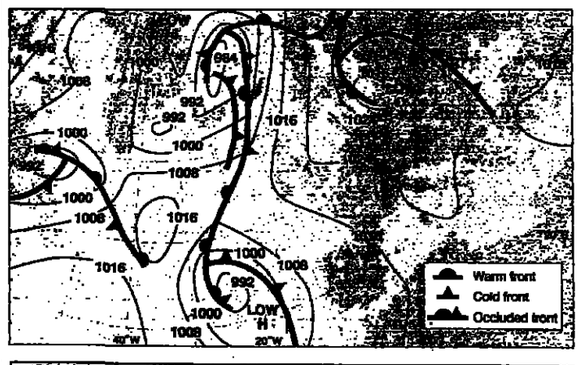
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Sydney	18	61	c								
Tangier	26	79	s								
Tel Aviv	31	88	c								
Tenerife	23	73	f								
Tokyo	25	77	f								
Toronto	23	73	f								
Tunis	26	79	f								
Valencia	16	61	r								
Vanc'ver	14	57	f								
Venice	12	54	s								
Vienna	10	50	s								
Warsaw	6	43	r								
Washton	23	73	s								
Zurich	11	52	s								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

WEATHER TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low H drifts E and fills; low J pushes NE and deepens; low O will be stationary and fill; high I will be stationary with little change in pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.58	6.8	5.20	6.6	Liverpool	2.17	9.1	2.41	8.9
Aberdeen	4.41	4.2	5.00	4.0	Lowestoft	12.17	2.5	12.56	2.5
Avonmouth	10.29	12.3	10.52	11.8	Margate	3.01	4.7	3.31	4.7
Belfast	2.09	3.4	2.29	3.3	Milford Haven	9.31	6.7	9.56	6.3
Cardiff	10.10	11.55	10.35	11.10	Newquay	8.26	6.7	8.52	6.3
Devonport	9.07	5.3	9.33	5.0	Oban	8.48	-3.8	9.05	6.3
Dover	1.51	6.8	2.20	6.5	Penzance	8.15	5.4	8.43	5.1
Falmouth	8.37	5.1	9.03	4.8	Portland	9.58	1.8	10.21	1.7
Glasgow	3.45	4.9	4.08	4.8	Portsmouth	2.27	4.7	2.49	4.5
Harwich	2.47	4.0	3.07	4.1	Shoreham	2.12	6.1	2.37	5.9
Holyhead	1.18	5.4	1.42	5.4	Southampton	1.45	4.4	2.08	4.3
Hull	9.29	7.21	9.50	7.01	Swansea	9.36	9.2	10.00	8.8
Ilfracombe	9.15	8.75	9.40	8.32	Tees	7.01	5.2	7.21	5.0
King's Lynn	9.38	6.5	9.55	6.2	Wilton-on-Nze	2.41	4.2	3.07	4.2
Leith	5.56	6.5	6.19	5.3					

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.16 am
Sun sets: 6.19 pm
Moon sets 10.22 pm
Moon rises 1.35 pm

London 6.19 pm to 7.17 am
Bristol 6.28 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 6.26 pm to 7.35 am
Manchester 6.25 pm to 7.28 am
Penzance 6.42 pm to 7.37 am

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Gareth Marriott, the world No 1 and world cup champion in the canoe class, tackles a slalom run at the national watersports centre at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. Photograph: Marc Aspland



Martin has final say

The defending champion and top seed, Michelle Martin, of Australia, won the women's world squash championship yesterday when she beat Cassandra Jackman, of England, in the final at St Peter Port, Guernsey. Page 31

Canada lift the Dunhill

Unfancied Canada pulled off a huge upset yesterday when they won the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrew's. Dave Barr, Rick Gibson and Ray Stewart claimed a 2-1 victory over America, the holders, in the final. Page 25

Salim denies Australia

Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, scored 237 runs in just under eight hours to deny Australia victory in the second Test match in Rawalpindi. Pakistan, following on 261 runs behind, were eventually dismissed for 537, their best total against Australia at home. Page 24

Newcastle retain unbeaten record with late goal

Howey finds escape route

Newcastle United 1
Blackburn Rovers 1

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

A GOAL taken by Steve Howey when all seemed lost, a career retrieved after sickening, persistent groin injury by the same player, emphasised just how much it is spirit that welds together Newcastle United. They are top, just, of the FA Carling Premiership. They are unbeaten, just, after a thorough examination from Blackburn Rovers, and if Newcastle cannot now feel the breath of their pursuers, then they are insensitive.

This was not quite the pulsating match between almost £40 million worth of players that had been envisaged. For one thing, Peter Beardsley, the inspiration of Newcastle's wonderful, galloping start to the season, laboured, his thigh injury so obvious that it was no surprise to anyone when Kevin Keegan, the club's manager, said immediately after the match that Beardsley was being withdrawn from the England party to play Romania on Wednesday.

With Beardsley so hampered, it was as if Newcastle had begun the afternoon's chase with a collapsed lung. Their 34,000 crowd was ready to roar them to another triumph, and yet Blackburn were cleverer. Keegan has not, in six attempts, had a managerial victory over Kenny Dalglish. We could see why.

Rovers had done all the necessary homework. They drove the ball long and early into the spaces behind Hottiger and Beresford, two full backs whose eagerness to advance can be turned to disadvantage. Shearer, thrilling with his hunger, his dynamic power and willingness to maraud from centre forward to the flanks, was a Geordie boy intent on punishing the club where he stood as a youngster on the Gallowgate End. His example to Cole shone throughout. If you wish to play for England, then an eye for goal, even one that has given Cole 12 goals this season, is only a start.

Shearer demonstrated how much more there is to leading a line, to imprinting his physical presence on a game. Of course it helped Shearer that Peacock was again the proof that Keegan's touch in the transfer market is fallible. A fee of £2.7 million for this lumbering centre back is beyond belief. Apart from giving the ball away half a dozen times, Peacock was lucky indeed when, eight minutes from time, he brought down Sherwood from behind. The referee, whose performance became indefensible, ignored both the clear penalty and a red-card offence.

Earlier, Mr Lodge had booked Shearer, Sutton and Warhurst for petty offences, and then only waved the yellow card at Srnicek when he blatantly brought down a Blackburn player in his own penalty area. This at least brought the punishment of a goal. Le Saux had threaded the ball through to Wilcox in the 58th minute. Wilcox, for the third time in the game, had sprinted behind Newcastle's defence, capitalising on the absence, through suspension, of Albert. When Wilcox darted past Srnicek, the goalkeeper, who mixes cat-like reflexes with cataclysmic rushes of blood, dived and took Wilcox at the ankle. Shearer emphatically scored from the penalty.

By then Lee, a player probably about to win his first England cap and acclaimed with the player of the month award before the kick-off, had faded into his most ineffective game of the season. Always dogged by two opponents, perhaps he was also distracted by the imminent England call.

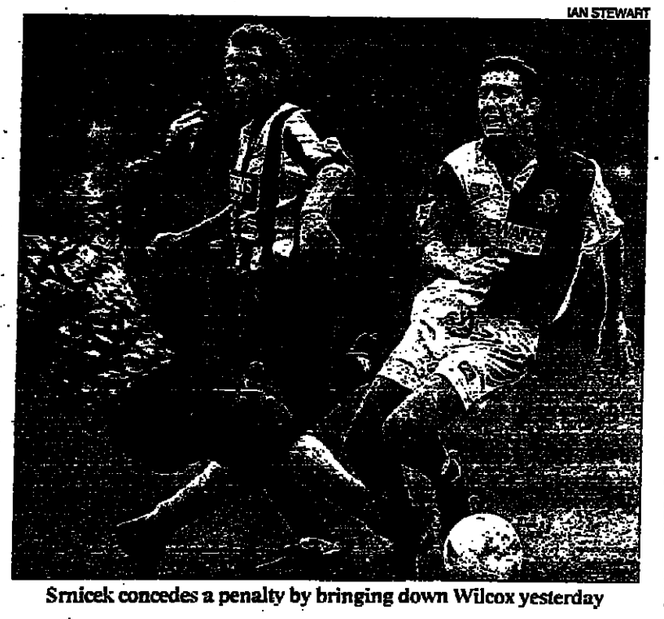
But perhaps for Lee, for Cole and for Fox, the excuse was Beardsley, who was a virtual passenger. How ironic that Cole had been deemed unfit, with his shin complaint, even to be considered for England, while both Keegan and Terry Venables, the coach to the national side, were prepared to risk Beardsley, an ageing performer with a hip injury.

Yet, in the 62nd minute, Beardsley transcended the afternoon. Lurking towards the edge of the penalty area, he balanced himself immaculately, volleyed sweetly, and Flowers, a regular England goalkeeper in the making, was taken by surprise. A shot of great instinct and beauty floated just wide of his right-hand post.

A glimpse of Beardsley, but no more. Without him, who would save Newcastle? Howey became the answer. This central defender, tall and at ease where Peacock was in disarray, had begun his career as a centre forward. At 22, he might have been challenging for England honours had it not been for the pain, the operations, the near ruin of a groin injury that again bespeaks the pounding that players take in English football.

But Howey was comfortable, alert and ready when a corner from Sellars from the left seemed to be destined for him: it seemed to squirm and bobble its way through a crowded penalty area and when Howey struck it from 12 yards, it took deflections, lastly off Flowers, into the net. Howey disappeared beneath the combined weight of his entire team. Newcastle had escaped.

IAN STEWART



Srnicek concedes a penalty by bringing down Wilcox yesterday

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2) P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — R Fox, R Lee (sub: P Kitson, 77min), S Watson, S Sellars — A Cole, P Beardsley

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2) T Flowers — H Berg, P Warhurst, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, M Atkins, T Sherwood, J Wilcox — A Shearer, C Sutton.

Referee: S Lodge

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Twiddle for twaddle on the tennis networks



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

Martina is dead, long live Martina. Or, to put it more precisely, Martina Navratilova is three tournaments away from retirement and women's tennis, sans Navratilova, sans Seles, is badly in need of personalities. Hence the fuss surrounding the arrival of Martina Hingis, 14, on the senior tour.

Newspapers made much of Hingis's debut in Zurich, the terrestrial television channels rather less, marking the occasion with two brief items on the main news programmes. One as she claimed her first professional victory, in the European indoor championship, swiftly followed by another describing her drubbing at the hands of Mary Pierce: for tennis enthusiasts hoping to get in a bit of serious early star-spotting, it was precious little to go on.

The good news was that one television channel had more than 20 hours of live coverage of the Zurich tournament; the bad news was that it was Eurosport.

Unfair, unfair you cry. Surely the scale of Eurosport's coverage should satisfy any tennis follower. It was there for Hingis's belated debut and for her removal. And it is hardly the satellite channel's fault it was there for the sort of quarter-finals that make tournament organisers and armchair spectators weep, when Navratilova and Pierce were beaten by players of undoubted skill but doubtful charisma.

Nor does my complaint have anything to do with the fact that both the semi-finals and the final, yesterday, between Natalia Zvereva and Magdalena Maleeva, were recorded rather than shown live — RTL had acquired those rights. No, my point is that if ever a television channel has the ability to strip a sporting event of its excitement, of its sense of occasion, it is (motor racing apart) Eurosport.

The fact that the commentator, David Mercer, was not actually in Zurich, but in Paris watching a television monitor was all too apparent. When he concentrates Mercer can be perfectly competent, but in the marthon stints the channel goes in for maintaining concentration in the commentary box can be as difficult as maintaining it on court, particulalry without an expert summariser. "One and three-quarter hours on air and the voice is giving out," Mercer croaked midway through the quarter-finals. It was not just his voice — viewers subsquently learnt that he'd just had a ham-and-cheese sandwich for his lunch, that he'd recently bought a cheap transatlantic flight, that he hadn't enjoyed football's World Cup very much.

To make up for not having a commentator on the spot, someone (and this may be the Swiss broadcaster that provided Eurosport with its pictures) had decided it might be a good idea to turn up the courtside microphones to full. It was not. Serves became rifle shots, coughs thunder claps and the preparatory bouncing of the ball nothing less than an exquisite form of torture.

To catch up with the men's game, I turned to World Tennis, which is made by Trans World International and goes out on Channel 4 very late on Tuesday nights. "Andre Olhovskiy achieved the rare feat of four aces in a row," the disembodied voice of Nicky Horne told me. Nothing much new there, then.

Adopting Trans World's newsreel style, the programme at times takes itself horribly seriously. "Sergi Bruguera — king of clay, ruler of the red stuff," intoned Horne over suitably majestic music. "Cool ... and coy. Dynamic ... and stylish." Twiddle ... and twaddle, I thought.

Nevertheless, the programme works hard to bring the new master of the modern men's game to life. I for one, however, could have done with an awful lot more on Alberto Berasategui's extraordinary forehand (it's all in the extreme Western grip, apparently) and rather less of the infantile interview of Berasategui by his compatriot and fellow professional, Carlos Costa.

B. K. BANGASH



Salim Malik acknowledges the applause for his double-century, an innings that ended Australia's hopes of winning the second Test and squaring the series



Fleming's feat earned him a hug from Angel. Photograph: Muzammil Pasha

Fleming's hat-trick comes too late to help Australia

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN RAWALPINDI

WITHOUT scaling the heights of Karachi a week ago, when their last pair transformed a likely defeat into a famous victory, Pakistan again reinvented themselves in the second Test match to achieve a draw that looked beyond them. To level a fascinating series, the Australians must now win the last Test, which begins in Lahore on November 2.

It needed an innings of substance to deny them here and Salim Malik supplied it. One could call it a captain's innings were it not for the fact that his batting far exceeds his captain's rank. His 237, made in seven hours and 40 minutes, is the highest score by a Pakistan batsman against Australia.

Pakistan, who followed on 261 runs adrift, were eventually dismissed for 537, their best total against these opponents in this country. Mark Taylor bowled everyone except Ian Healy, and both he and Michael Slater took a wicket as the joke bowling yielded a couple of laughs. Shane Warne, who went wicketless in an innings for the first time in ten Tests, was not so amused.

Important though it was, Malik's feat was surpassed by Damien Fleming, the Victorian fast-medium swing bowler, who became the third man in Test history to take a hat-trick on his debut. Malik was the third of his victims, caught behind off the first ball of Fleming's 24th over after Aamir Malik and Inzamam had fallen to the last two of the 23rd.

During the break for drinks that followed those two wickets, Fleming told his team-mates: "Salim does not know it yet but he's about to become a part of Test history." An excellent outswinger, which the batsman pushed at, proved sufficient to make good that boast.

Fleming took a hat-trick in a youth Test against West Indies and has claimed two in grade cricket. The last Australian to take one in a Test match was his fellow Victorian, Merv Hughes, against West Indies in Perth six years ago. That was a "long distance" job, spread over three overs in two innings.

If the experience of his two predecessors means anything, Fleming's future in Test cricket is far from assured. Maurice Allom, of Surrey, performed the hat-trick against New Zealand in Christchurch in 1930 but represented England only four times more. Peter Petherick, an off spinner whose moment of glory came at Lahore on the 1976-77 tour, played only six Tests for New Zealand.

In 1969, Allom was elected president of MCC, which is probably more than Fleming can hope to achieve, but he will remember this match with affection.

Taylor, on the other hand, will not be unhappy to leave town. It was his miss at slip, shortly after lunch on Saturday when Malik was 20, that granted the Pakistani a lengthy second life. That drop, and Warne's the previous night when Sohail was nine, eventually cost Australia 280 runs.

There are few better slip-catchers than Taylor but he has now dropped seven chances in three games on this tour. As he tries to come to terms with the burden of captaincy, the game is finding other ways of catching him out.

As a man who does not always play with a straight bat, or offer the full face of it to the ball, Malik will have his failures. He has enjoyed his successes, too, as a record of 12 Test hundreds indicates. By saving the match he also confirmed his position of captain. When he completed his double-hundred, his colleagues appeared on the balcony in the manner of the comrades outside the Kremlin in the bad old days. They can leave the knives for now, to sharpen them another day.

To be frank, it was not a great achievement to make runs on a pitch so slack and slow that even moderate players could whack Warne off the back foot through extra cover. Pakistan's second innings served to emphasise how abject their batting was the first time around.

The Australians, who could now be two Tests up, need not despair. Pakistan's overall performance here has raised further doubts about their balance. Mushtaq bowled abominably. Fazal and Inzamam are flawed batsmen. Malik clearly does not trust his men to bat on pitches that would assist Wasim and Waqar. Which means he does not really trust himself. A scared captain can never make a good one.

RAWALPINDI SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings: 521 for nine dec (M J Slater 110)

Second innings

*M A Taylor not out	6
M J Slater b Waqar	1
D C Boon not out	7
Total (1 wkt)	14

FALL OF WICKET 1-2

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 5-3-2-1, Rashid 2-0-11-0; Saeed 2-2-0-0; Mushtaq 1-0-1-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings: 260 (Aamir Sohail 80, McDermott 4-74, Fleming 4-75)

Second Innings

Saeed Anwar c Healy b M E Waugh	75
Aamir Sohail c Healy b McDermott	72
Zahid Fazal c Healy b M E Waugh	1
*Salim Malik c Healy b Fleming	237
Aamir Malik c Bevan b Fleming	85
Inzamam-ul-Haq low b Fleming	0
†Rashid Latif c Bevan b Taylor	38
Wasim Akram c Healy b Angel	5
Mushtaq Ahmed c S R Waugh b McDermott	0
Waqar Younis low b Slater	10
Mohsin Kamal not out	0
Extras (b 17, lb 13, w 1, nb 3)	34
Total	537

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-227, 3-335, 4-469, 5-469, 6-478, 7-495, 8-496, 9-537.

BOWLING: McDermott 33-3-86-2; Fleming 28-2-86-3; Angel 28-1-124-1; M E Waugh 16-1-63-2; Warne 25-6-56-0; Bevan 4-0-27-0; S R Waugh 13-2-41-0; Slater 1 1-0-4-1; Boon 3-1-9-0; Taylor 3-1-11-1

Bryant falls in first qualifying round

DAVID Bryant, who has challenged for the world indoor singles bowls championship every year since it was first played, in 1979, will miss the event in Preston in February, having lost in the first round of the English qualifying competition at Melton Mowbray on Saturday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Barry Jenkins, of Cambridge Parks, was jubilant after his 7-0, 7-1, 5-7, 7-6 victory, but promptly went out to Jamie Mills, of South Forest, who in turn lost to Greg Harlow, of Ely. Harlow lost to Russell Morgan, the 1993 national indoor champion, who earned the right to represent England with a 6-7, 4-7, 7-2, 7-3, 7-3 victory. Bryant, three times world champion, said: "I'm disappointed but I thought I put up a good show after a disastrous start."

Danish racers prevail

CYCLING: Manchester's new velodrome showed its potential as Britain's first permanent indoor track at the eight-nation inaugural meeting on Saturday (Peter Bryan writes). The 250-metre wooden bowl inspired first-class racing that thrilled the sell-out crowd. The joy would have been complete had the Great Britain squad finished overall winners but the non-partisan crowd acknowledged the dominance of Denmark, victors by 12 points from Britain and France, who tied for second place.

Chris Boardman was cheered non-stop as he won his 4,000 metres pursuit against Francis Moreau, of France, whom he trailed until the last kilometre.

Siddall leads way



TENNIS: Great Britain's 21-and-under women's team retained the Maureen Connolly Cup in Colorado Springs on Saturday when Shirli-Ann Siddall, right, beat Anne Miller 4-6, 7-6, 6-3. The United States and Britain entered the final day level at 4-4. In the leading doubles match, Siddall and Mandy Wainwright defeated Karin and Anne Miller 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Samuels takes a seat

BASKETBALL: Kurt Samuels is the latest Manchester Giant to fall foul of the coach, Mike Hanks, for losing possession too often (Nicholas Harling writes). Samuels played only one minute in the 65-60 Budweiser League victory over Thames Valley Tigers. Chester Jets surprised Derby Bucks 86-73. The Towers beat Birmingham Bullets and the Leopards defeated Hemel Hempstead Royals.

Partnership broken

SNOOKER: John Higgins, the promising Scottish player, and Ian Doyle, his manager, have agreed to terminate the three-year contract Higgins signed earlier this year. According to Doyle, there was a "bit of a rumpus" after Higgins had mislaid his return air ticket from the Dubai Classic, where he was beaten 5-1 by Ronnie O'Sullivan after knocking out Steve Davis in the first round.

Thomson disappointed

BOWLS: Andy Thomson's hopes of a confidence-boosting win in the Flogas Causeway Coast Masters ended in disappointment in Ballymoney yesterday when the world indoor champion was edged out 21-20 by the British champion, Jeremy Henry, of Ireland, in their semi-final after leading 13-8. Alex Marshall, of Scotland, beat Wynne Richards, of England, 21-14 in the other semi-final.

Maske retains crown



BOXING: Henry Maske, right, of Germany, retained his International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight title on Saturday when the American challenger, Iran Barkley, retired at the end of the tenth round. Maske, the Olympic champion at Seoul in 1988, in his fifth title defence, tired Barkley in the opening rounds before going on to the attack in the fifth.

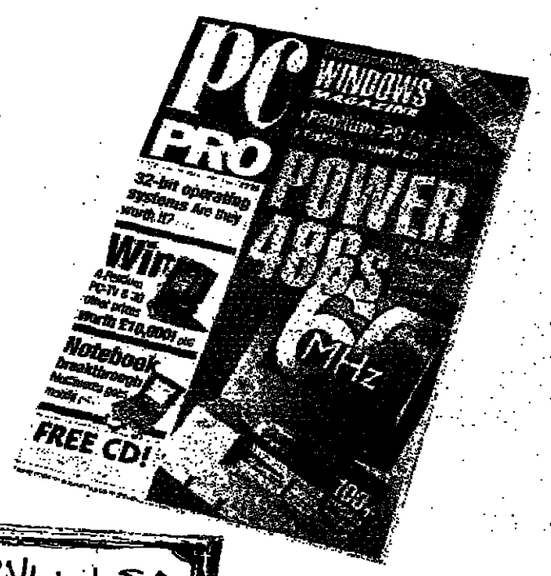
Vaughan chases hard

YACHTING: Niah Vaughan, the Briton competing in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race, was competing for second place in Class 2 yesterday. Midway through the first stage to Cape Town, Vaughan's 50ft yacht, *Jimroda II*, closed to within 40 miles of his Australian rivals, David Adams and Alan Nebauer. Isabelle Autissier continues to lead the fleet.

Staines one step ahead

ATHLETICS: Gary Staines won the Bupa Great South Run in Portsmouth for the second successive year yesterday. The Belgrave Harrier, 31, set a United Kingdom best over ten miles of 46min 1sec on the seaside course last year but this time clocked exactly 47 minutes. Staines came home nearly 200 metres clear of Douglas Wakiihuri, of Kenya, the former world marathon champion.

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Barr plays vital anchor role as underdogs conquer United States in Alfred Dunhill Cup final

Stewart unlikely hero in Canada's 100-1 cup triumph

Patricia Davies sees a former Masters champion come unstuck against a player ranked 446 places below him

COME in No 452. Your time has come.

In the final of the tenth Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews yesterday, Ray Stewart, a British Columbian so unsung that fellow countrymen in Nova Scotia had barely heard of him and the rest of the world certainly had not, defeated Fred Couples to complete an unlikely 2-1 victory for Canada over the United States.

Canada, 100-1 outsiders at the beginning of the tournament, had never reached even the semi-finals in eight previous visits to the home of golf and only Dave Barr, the team captain, who beat Tom Kite, yet another victim of the Road Hole, had even been here before.

Barr lost to Ernie Els, the US Open champion, in the semi-final against South Africa but Stewart and Rick Gibson both had rounds of 70 to outplay David Frost and Wayne Westner.

"I'm thrilled to death. It's the highlight of my career," Stewart said — and that was pre-Couples. The former US Masters champion and former world No 1, is now ranked sixth in the world, 446 places above Stewart, who is No 452, inhabiting the sort of no-hoper territory traditionally reserved for British tennis players.

Couples, who lost to Darren Clarke in the US's defeat by Ireland in the group matches, might not have been at his imperious best throughout the week but yesterday morning he played well enough for a 68 that was too good for Howard Clark, the England captain.

Unlike Clark, Stewart started like a man possessed and after birdie threes at the first two holes, he was three strokes ahead of Couples, who had dropped a shot at the second. He was still three ahead with five to play but with Curtis Strange in total charge against Gibson — the former double US Open champion was on his way to a 67 — and Barr nipping and tucking with Tom Kite, Stewart's lack of any previous form led to a dearth of conviction about his ability to last.

The 41-year-old Canadian did bogey the long 14th but it was Couples who missed a short putt at the 16th to fall three behind again and, when Stewart did no worse than a five at the 17th, which had caused the demise of Kite, he was almost able to enjoy the sweetest dream in golf — walking up the 18th at St Andrews in triumph. He and his team-mates won £100,000 each, the sort of purse that had not featured in any of their career earnings before.

Of course, Stewart did not win the trophy on his own. Although Gibson, a 32-year-old from Calgary, who plays most of his golf in the Far East, lost to Strange, the winner of all five of his matches, he had enough character to win three successive matches after the buffeting of an opening 85 on Thursday.

It was Barr who anchored the team, defeating Nick Price, the world No 1 and Bernhard Langer, the world No 4, before pipping Kite. The crucial hole, as so often, was the 17th. Barr, who had led by three at one stage, was just one ahead. His second shot was short of the green, safe but with a bogey five always likely.

Kite, 195 yards from the pin, selected a four-iron — he knew it was the right club because in the morning he had hit it on to the green from 196 yards. "I wanted to hit a high draw," the Texan said, "and I hit it dead on solid but it went straight and never drew."

Worse, it bounced on the road, over the wall — to the delight of the crowd who were rooting shamelessly for the underdogs — and out of bounds. Kite then hit the four-iron on to the green and took six. He birdied the last, to make Barr's two-footer for par look massive but not massive enough.

In the semi-finals, England's trio, all unbeaten hitherto, all lost, expiration rather than inspiration being their lot over the opening holes against the Americans. Mark Roe was four strokes behind Kite, who was two under par, after three holes; Clark was three behind Couples after three and Barry Lane trailed Strange, who was also two under, by three after three.

Even over the Old Course, with the Road Hole lurking in everyone's thoughts, it is not the sort of start to concede to men with four major championships and a myriad of lesser titles between them.

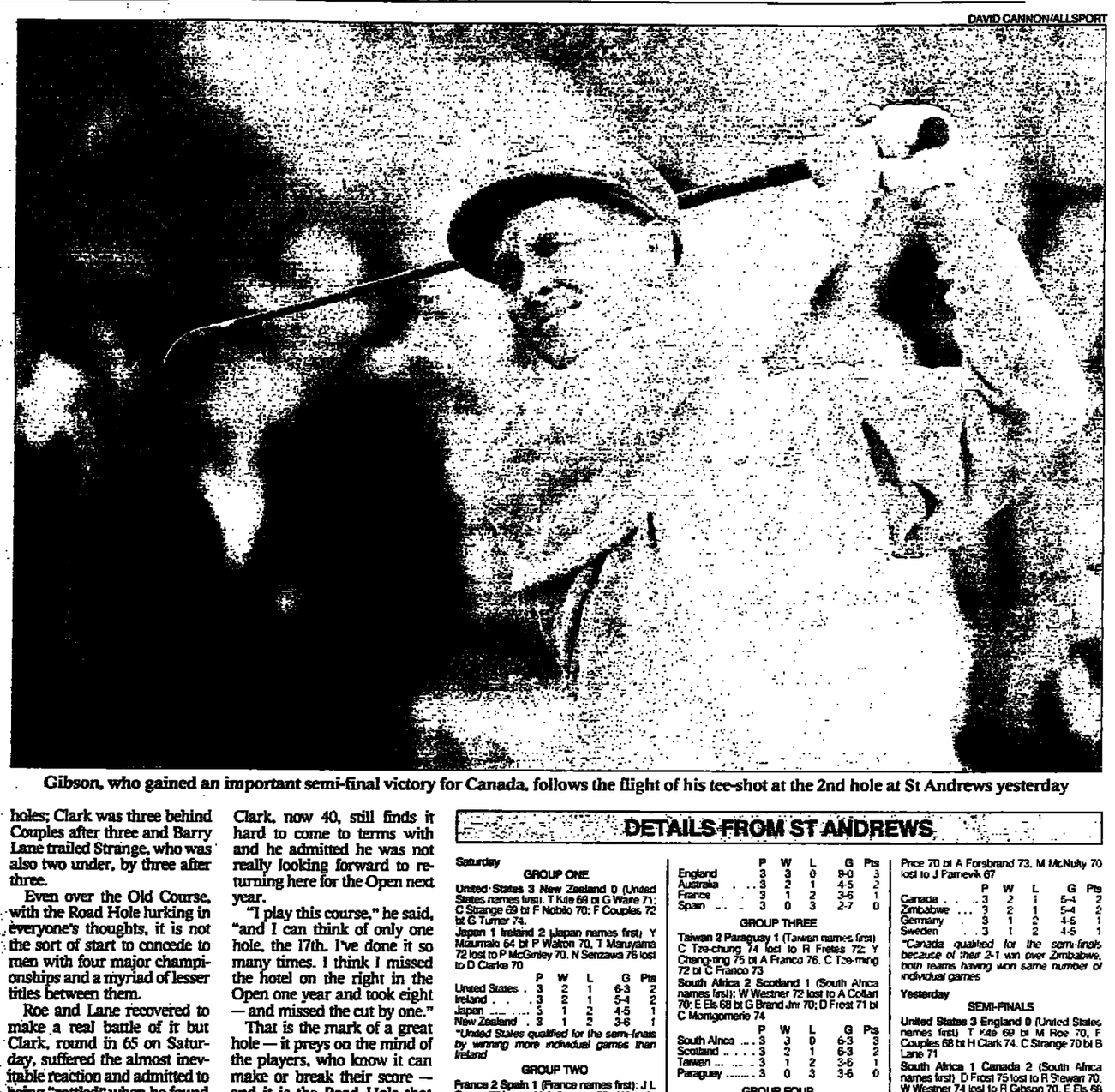
Roe and Lane recovered to make a real battle of it but Clark, round in 65 on Saturday, suffered the almost inevitable reaction and admitted to being "rattled" when he found his ball in a divot hole twice in the first three holes.

The rub of the green is one of those golfing concepts that Clark, now 40, still finds it hard to come to terms with and he admitted he was not really looking forward to returning here for the Open next year.

"I play this course," he said, "and I can think of only one hole, the 17th. I've done it so many times. I think I missed the hotel on the right in the Open one year and took eight — and missed the cut by one."

That is the mark of a great hole — it preys on the mind of the players, who know it can make or break their score — and it is the Road Hole that sustains the excitement and the tension to the very end, be it Dunhill Cup or Open championship.

DAVID CANNON/ALLSPORT



Gibson, who gained an important semi-final victory for Canada, follows the flight of his tee-shot at the 2nd hole at St Andrews yesterday



Strange: unbeaten

DETAILS FROM ST ANDREWS

Saturday

GROUP ONE

United States 3 New Zealand 0 (United States names first): T Kite 68 bt G Ware 71; C Strange 69 bt F Nobilo 70; F Couples 72 bt G Turner 74.

Japan 1 Ireland 2 (Japan names first): Y Mizumaki 64 bt P Walton 70; T Maruyama 72 lost to P McGinley 70; N Senzawa 76 lost to D Clarke 70

	P	W	L	G	Pts
United States	3	2	1	6-3	2
Ireland	3	2	1	5-4	2
Japan	3	1	2	4-5	1
New Zealand	3	1	2	3-6	1

United States qualified for the semi-finals by winning more individual games than Ireland

GROUP TWO

France 2 Spain 1 (France names first): J L Guepy 77 lost to M A Jimenez 73; J Van de Velde 67 bt J Rivero 70; M Besanceney 69 bt M A Mann 73.

Australia 0 England 3 (Australia names first): R Allenby 71 lost to B Lane 68, S Elkington 68 lost to H Clark 65, G Norman 72 lost to M Roe 69

	P	W	L	G	Pts
England	3	3	0	8-0	3
Australia	3	2	1	4-5	2
France	3	1	2	3-6	1
Spain	3	0	3	2-7	0

GROUP THREE

Taiwan 2 Paraguay 1 (Taiwan names first): C Tze-chung 74 lost to R Fretes 72; Y Chang-ting 75 bt A Franco 76; C Tze-ming 72 bt C Franco 73

South Africa 2 Scotland 1 (South Africa names first): W Westner 72 lost to A Coltart 70; E Els 68 bt G Brand Jnr 70; D Frost 71 bt C Montgomerie 74

	P	W	L	G	Pts
South Africa	3	3	0	6-3	3
Scotland	3	2	1	6-3	2
Taiwan	3	1	2	3-6	1
Paraguay	3	0	3	3-6	0

GROUP FOUR

Germany 1 Canada 2 (Germany names first): S Struver 72 bt R Stewart 72 at 19th; A Cejka 73 lost to R Gibson 69; B Langer 70 lost to D Barr 69

Zimbabwe 2 Sweden 1 (Zimbabwe names first): A Johnstone 70 bt G Hjertstedt 73; N Price 70 bt A Forsbrand 73; M McNulty 70 lost to J Parnevik 67

	P	W	L	G	Pts
Canada	3	2	1	5-4	2
Zimbabwe	3	2	1	5-4	2
Germany	3	1	2	4-5	1
Sweden	3	1	2	4-5	1

Canada qualified for the semi-finals because of their 2-1 win over Zimbabwe, both teams having won same number of individual games

Yesterday

SEMI-FINALS

United States 3 England 0 (United States names first): T Kite 69 bt M Roe 70, F Couples 68 bt H Clark 74, C Strange 70 bt B Lane 71

South Africa 1 Canada 2 (South Africa names first): D Frost 75 lost to R Stewart 70, W Westner 74 lost to R Gibson 70, E Els 68 bt D Barr 72

FINAL

United States 1 Canada 2 (United States names first): T Kite 71 lost to D Barr 70, C Strange 67 bt R Gibson 74, F Couples 72 lost to R Stewart 71

Great Britain and Ireland second as American team charges home

John Hopkins sees the United States take the Eisenhower Trophy for the first time since 1982

THE United States won the world amateur team championship at Golf National at La Boulie, outside Paris, by the impressive margin of 11 strokes from Great Britain and Ireland yesterday. The American team, a potent mixture of youth and experience, totalled 23 under par. Sweden were third, six strokes behind Great Britain and Ireland.

The victory will go some way towards relieving the embarrassment that the United States team suffered in 1992, when it led by seven strokes with nine holes to play but then finished seven strokes behind New Zealand. This was the tenth victory by the Americans in all and the first since 1982.

The large margin of victory was brought about by a strong late comeback by the American golfers. They held a one-stroke lead overnight from Great Britain and Ireland only to start very poorly. Allen Doyle went to the turn in 40, four over par and three strokes worse than Great Britain and Stephen Gallacher, of Ireland, Todd Demsey took two strokes more than Lee James, the amateur champion, on the front nine. John Harris, who played for the United States in last year's Walker Cup team, and the Scot, Gordon Sherry, both went out in 35, one under par, while Eldrick "Tiger" Woods and Warren Bennett were level on level par.

At that point, Great Britain and Ireland had regained the lead, but it did not last long. Doyle began to play some inspired golf, producing four birdies and an eagle in seven holes to come back in 30 and go round in 70. This remarkable turnaround, which included chipping in from 30 feet on one hole and sinking a snaking, downhill 25-foot putt on another, was good enough to earn him the individual prize with a 72-hole total of 277, ten under par.

"My job was to hold the team together," Doyle, 46, said. After a terrible start, in which he dropped a stroke on the first hole and three strokes on the second, he went on to do just that. "I had to help the team as much as I could," Doyle, who was the first American to start, added.

Gallacher did not know what had hit him as he watched Doyle, a man more than twice his age with a funny swing, take advantage of some good fortune. "One minute I was two or three strokes ahead and our team was two or three strokes ahead," Gallacher said. "The next minute I was behind and so was the rest of the team."

Great Britain and Ireland did not help their cause at all by the way all four team members hit into the water that is such a feature of L'Albatros course on the homeward half. Gallacher did it on the 18th, sending his second over the back of the green, and so did James. Gallacher finished with a 74, James a 75.

Gordon Sherry found water on the 15th for the third day in a row, although this time it was from the tee. His scores on this 395-metre hole for the three rounds played at this course were six, eight and five, seven over par in all.

Any chance that Great Britain and Ireland had of threatening the Americans disappeared when Bennett, playing last with Tiger Woods, hit his second shot into the water on the 15th. This one errant stroke cost Bennett any chance of the individual title. His last round of 74, his worst of the week, meant that he finished second, four strokes behind Doyle. "We didn't put up much of a fight," James said. "If we had all played well then we would not have had much trouble with the Americans."

And so ended three weeks of fine golf in France — first the Lancôme Trophy, then the women's and now the men's world amateur team championships. All three were played in glorious sunshine and for this, the excellent golf, not to mention the food and the wine of the French capital, one can only say *merci*.

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Woods: 18-year-old American went round in 72 yesterday

RESULTS FROM LA BOULIE

1 United States (J Harris 67, A Doyle 70, E Woods 72, *T Demsey 80), 838.
2 Great Britain and Ireland (G Sherry 71, S Gallacher 74, W Bennett 74, *L James 75), 849.
3 Sweden (M Lundberg, K Brink, F Jacobson, E Calberg) 855.
4 Australia (J Dawes, L Peterson, B Partridge, G Chambers), 859.
5 New Zealand (M Brown, S Bittle, M Wheelhouse, S Alker), 860.
6 Spain (I Giner, F Cea, F Valera, F de Pablo), 886.
7 Belgium (J Boeckx, N Todtenhaupt, D de Vooght, N Vanhootegem), 872.
equal 8 Austria (M Brier, P Menski-Klarbach, R Sailer, N Zitny), and Holland, 878.
10 Canada (S Decorso, W Sye, R McMillan, S Hamilton), 880.

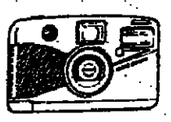
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INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS: 1 A Doyle (US), 277; 2 W Bennett (GB), 281, 3 L James (GB), 282, 4 F Jacobson (Swe), 283; 5 M Brown (NZ), 283. Other British: G Sherry, S Gallacher, 292.

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Hirst's revival gives United much to explain away


Hirst: aggressive

Peter Ball on a 1-0 defeat that raises questions about the champions' well-being

IS MANCHESTER United's FA Carling Premiership crown slipping? On Saturday, at one of their favourite grounds, they suffered their third successive away defeat after a goal from David Hirst gave Sheffield Wednesday their first home win of the season.

Last season, United lost only three away games in the Premiership. To have lost an equal number by the second Saturday in October does not bode well, but the double-holders received support from the opposition.

"Newcastle may be bombing at the moment, but Manchester United are still the team to beat. I still think they'll win it," John Sheridan, the Wednesday midfield player, said. Trevor Francis, his manager, pointed to the absence of Cantona, Kanchelskis and Giggs.

Yet the three had played in the defeats at Ipswich Town and Leeds United, and Alex Ferguson, the United manager, was not convinced. "We're not giving ourselves a proper chance at the moment," he said. "Two years ago [when United won the championship] we didn't start playing until the end of October. If we can keep near to the ones at the top until December we'll be all right. We can come with a charge then, when we're free of commitments in the European Champions' League."

But keeping close to Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers may prove difficult. "We should be getting better results than we are at the moment," Ferguson said. "At Ipswich we had so much pressure, we had 25 strikes on goal and came away beaten 3-2; today, we've missed three or four really tremendous opportunities in the first half. And if you don't win these games you don't really deserve it."

On Saturday, they could have had the game won at the interval instead of being caught out on the stroke of half-time, but for all their superiority something of a malaise was apparent. The cutting edge was missing but so, it appeared, was the collective passion. Ince's hunger remained as keen as ever, Pallister was outstanding, Gillespie made an excellent Premiership debut and Keane, in his penultimate game before a hernia operation, drove forward with little sign of injury. Others were not as impressive.

Even so, with Ince urging them forward and Gillespie turning Nolan regularly, chances came. Pressman saved at point-blank range from Hughes's volley. McClair and Ince shot over from good positions and, when Gillespie did put the ball in the net, his joy was dashed by a flag for offside.

Then Hirst intervened with a tribute to Francis's psychology. A shadow of his former self against Manchester City, two weeks on the substitutes' bench had concentrated the mind. His recall against the club that tried to buy him for £3.5 million two years ago turned the key.

Hirst's chance came when Nolan recovered to dispossess Gillespie. Suddenly, United were overstretched, and Bart-Williams sent Hirst clear to advance on Schmeichel.

"Two years ago I'd have expected him to finish that chance," Francis said. "The way he's been playing this season I wasn't so sure. But he tucked it away like the player he was two years ago."

With that goal, his fifth in nine matches against United, Hirst began to perform as he had done before an appalling series of injuries took two years out of his career.

Fast, strong and aggressive in the best way, he gave Bruce and Pallister at the heart of United's defence a testing afternoon, and on the back of his excellence Wednesday grew in stature to earn their victory.

"I felt 99 per cent back to what I was. I couldn't pick out a match in the last two years which gave me as much pleasure as this one," Hirst confessed. If he is equally motivated against Ipswich next week, Wednesday's move up the table may begin in earnest.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — P Atherton, A Pearce, D Walker, I Nolan — C Bart-Williams (sub: I Taylor, 65min), J Sheridan, G Hyde, L Briscoe — D Hirst, M Bright (sub: G Watson, 88) .
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-3): P Schmeichel — P Parker (sub: D May, 60), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — R Keane, P Ince, B McClair — K Gillespie (sub: P Scholes 76), M Hughes, L Sharpe.
Referee: P Danson

Efficient Arsenal exploit tactical weakness

Wimbledon 1
Arsenal 3

BY ALYSON RUDD

IN THE heat of the Southland Indian summer, Arsenal and Wimbledon continued their version of cowboys and Indians. Arsenal rode roughshod over Selhurst Park, leaving the home side in desperate need of reinforcement and a change of campaign tactics.

This was not a one-off. Certainly Wimbledon have injury problems and missed, in particular, Robbie Earle who scored 15 goals last season. But Arsenal consistently have the measure of Wimbledon and have scored 34 League goals against them — more than any other side.

Of course, it ought to be that way. Arsenal are the biggest club, the European Cup-Winners' Cup holders. But Wimbledon, usually, have no respect for a team's pedigree. If anything they feed off the opposition's superiority, suffocating the areas of play the opposition like to call their own. But it is difficult to spoil Arsenal's play because there is really nothing on offer to spoil. On Saturday, with Steve Bould back from injury and Paul Merson out through injury, Arsenal were arguably fielding their most effective side: a competent defence, a

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dull but energetic midfield and an exceptional forward.

If Wimbledon stood any chance at all, it would have been by stifling Ian Wright. They had neither the wit, the skill, nor the pace. Their common sense failed them when they tried to play Wright offside in the 12th minute. Seaman's goal kick cleared the midfield and fooled everyone but Wright who put Arsenal ahead as Wimbledon looked in vain for a flag on the touchline.

Wright made Arsenal's second goal. Shielding the ball from Reeves close to the touchline, he appeared to have reached a dead end. But he turned suddenly and fired in a shot that bounced off the upright and off Segers, leaving Smith to see it over the goalline.

However, George Graham, the Arsenal manager, saved his praise for Kevin Campbell who scored Arsenal's third — after clearly controlling the ball with his hand before shooting. Graham has been talking up Campbell for quite some time, ever since, the cynics point out, Andy Cole came into form at Newcastle United. Graham let Cole go three years ago, seeing more potential in Campbell.

Wimbledon as a team did not believe in themselves during this encounter. Two expected new signings this week will boost fire power and perhaps success in the campaign to redevelop Plough Lane would boost morale.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — W Barton, S Fitzgerald, A Reeves, A Kimble — P Fear, G Ellens, V Jones, M Gayle (sub: A Thorn, 80min) — D Holdsworth, M Harford (sub: N Ardley, 64).
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, T Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour, J Jensen, S Schwarz (sub: D Hillier, 81), K Campbell — I Wright, A Smith.
Referee: G Ashby (sub: S Tomlin, 46).

Le Tissier sparkles as Southampton add to beleaguered manager's worries

Pressure on Walker sharpened by defeat



David Miller says the manager of Everton did little to further his cause in a 2-0 reverse at The Dell

IF EVERTON'S play was half as sharp as the way Mike Walker has taken to dressing nowadays, they might not be rooted at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership table. They were horribly exposed at The Dell by Le Tissier and an enthusiatic Southampton team which in truth is less able than Everton made them appear.

The moment may have arrived when Le Tissier — in my mind similar to Rodney Marsh, but a superior goalscorer, and likened by Alan Ball to George Best — will for the first time earn an England starting place on Wednesday. Yet Southampton's pleasure in climbing to seventh place unsurprisingly carries less attention than the gloom surrounding once great Everton.

Huge financial promotion — the reward for walking out on a fine team at Norwich City — has clearly gone to Walker's head, while contradictorily relegating his ability to manage stricken Everton. His attire on Saturday was an arriviste's parody, more home-of-Gucci than Goodison: claret silk handkerchief overflowing from breast pocket, and a necktie loud enough for Julian Clary. Ball, the Southampton manager, who can remember when Everton were a real team, by contrast came to the post-match conference looking like a football man, sweatshirt and shorts, the style Walker used to have at Carrow Road.

Ball seemed even more embarrassed at Everton's plight than Walker, who talked without apparent guilt about the transparent poverty of the teamwork, for which he is responsible, smiling all the while with the self-confidence of someone sitting on a contract which, if terminated, will keep him in silk ties for some time.

We know that Merseyside is the home of football wit, yet it was something of a shock to hear Walker saying, Tarbuck-style, that if he had been playing "at least I might have run around and kicked a few, and got a red card".

If Walker is as yet unaware, someone should tell him that is not what Everton are famous for. The expectation is that Peter Johnson, the chairman, who on Saturday took refuge on his yacht, may terminally tell Walker quite soon. Walker hardly assisted his own case by saying of Everton's performance: "There is nothing you can do about it."

Well, no, not after 3 o'clock on match day, but what about pre-season training? Everton look if anything more inept than when they escaped relegation six months ago and are 11 games without a win.

Walker rattled off his team's shortcomings afterwards like a garage mechanic itemising failures on an old banger's MOT: down to basics, not good enough, as bad as we've seen, no excuses, didn't deserve anything, will continue [at the bottom] if we play like that, decent for 18 minutes until they scored. And so on.


Walker: under threat

Frankly he was right, though the analysis says little for him. Everton's passing was woeful. Their marking often non-existent, and there exists that unmistakable symptom of a team on the slide, in which nobody wants the ball. Amokachi did: but too often attempting and needing to play alone, was regularly dispossessed.

There was little support for the man on the ball, and it was not until Durrant, one of the chairman's new acquisitions from Rangers, replaced the injured Watson at half-time — Parkinson switching from midfield to centre back — that Everton found a flickering flame. Durrant did things beyond the ambition — or confidence — of Rowett, Samways or Hinchcliffe, and provided a life-raft to which Everton clung until the second goal, by le Tissier after 72 minutes, finally sank them.

Like Marsh, like Best, Le Tissier can be exasperating. This was his tenth goal of the season, and he has made almost as many, including the first against Everton for Ekelund after 19 minutes. Yet he has that loping, almost casual style that can give the impression he is achieving less than he might; never mind that the crowd give mock salaams every time he takes a corner.

Ball, whose managerial career may be finally taking off after 14 years touring Blackpool, Portsmouth, Colchester, Stoke and Exeter, says Le Tissier will never beat opponents with the same style as Best, but has the capacity if given freedom to roam and unhinge teams in the same way. Moreover, he knows how good he is and he needs a chance [with England], Ball said, sitting alongside the most skilful England striker since the even more frustrating Waddle.

Le Tissier thinks that, if selected by Terry Venables, the England coach, he could operate most effectively roving behind Shearer, Beardsley-style, but that in the absence of Anderton, could also play wide, if Beardsley is selected. The problem that Venables must weigh is whether Beardsley's Indian summer will last until 1996. The way that Le Tissier and Ekelund are combining for Southampton increases the case in Le Tissier's favour.

Everton did indeed play adequately for a quarter of an hour or so and might have scored after a few minutes when Rideout came in strongly on a free kick by Samways, the resulting three-way collision with Grobbelaar and Benali resulting in Benali's head colliding with Grobbelaar's and inflicting a broken nose and cheek-bone, obliging Southampton to call upon Beasant.

Everton made one or two half-chances missed by Rowett and then Hinchcliffe before a long clearance by Beasant, knocked down by Dowie, was glanced forward by Le Tissier for Ekelund to flick his way round Burrows and bury the ball beyond Southall. This marvellous long-time servant of Everton's in goal has now, I suspect, become something of a liability, and his replacement is probably central to Everton's survival.

Southampton now dominated the match without ever being brilliant. Dowie up front looks best when he is under pressure and given no time to think. Time and space merely confuse him. In the first quarter of an hour of the second half Southampton could have added three or four before Heaney's cross from the left — one of many that had Everton in a quandary — was beaten out to Le Tissier who carefully picked his spot beyond Southall's reach.

'Walker talked without apparent guilt about the transparent poverty of the Everton teamwork'

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-3): B Grobbelaar (sub: D Beasant, 4min) — J Kenna, K Monkou, F Benali, S Charlton — N Maddison, J Magilton, N Heaney — M Le Tissier, I Dowie, R Ekelund.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson (sub: G Stuart, 80), D Watson (sub: I Durrant, 45), D Unsworth, D Burrows — G Rowett, Samways, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe — D Amokachi, P Rideout.
Referee: B Hill.

JULIAN HERBERT


Le Tissier, who scored Southampton's second goal, embraces the mood of optimism at The Dell during their victory over Everton

Evans lifts darkness at Anfield

Liverpool 3
Aston Villa 2

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ON HOME match days, the Liverpool supporters continue to pay their respects to those who died at Hillsborough on April 15, 1989. They pause at the stone memorial by the Anfield Road gates, peer at the 96 names — from Jon-Paul Gilhooley, 10, to Gerard Baron Senior, 67 — and recall, in respectful tones, how they felt and how they coped.

Though it still hurts, the years have dulled the pain. Hillsborough, and Heysel, are etched deep in Merseyside football lore and will never be forgotten. The memorial flame burns forever. Yet the darkness, for many has lifted and light has resumed. Like the Spion Kop, reconstruction is onwards and upwards. It is time to move on.

On home match days, Anfield is now vibrant with expectation. The blight of two seasons without European competition, a legacy of the trouble and strife of Graeme Souness, has been erased.

On Saturday, in the FA Carling Premiership, the opening 30 minutes reverberated to Liverpool in their pomp. Shades of the Seventies revisited, when those who dared tread on the Anfield turf were summarily dismissed. McManaman jinked and danced, almost inviting the tackle before merrily skipping past it; Fowler darted in diagonals and at pace: Molby strolled and controlled.

The directors' box, full of instantly recognisable faces, looked on in admiration. The England coach, Terry Venables, made complimentary notes and quickly drafted in McManaman for his squad to face Romania at Wembley on Wednesday. Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, purred at the Premiership product before him.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was proud to be among rampant reds — not for the first time during the week — and Stan Boardman, the comedian, chucked out all his old Anfield jokes. A heady half-hour, with Aston Villa willing yet outclassed accomplices in a splendid show.

Goals had to follow such artistry and Bosnich, the Villa goalkeeper, experienced momentary madness when handling Townsend's twentieth-minute back-pass. He tried to extricate himself from the mess by attempting to chest the ball as he dived horizontal to the ground, but his hands were ruled to have made contact. Ruddock's free kick from 12 yards scorched through the defensive wall.

Six minutes later Fowler drove home a stray ball after a shot from Jones had been charged down.

"We then stopped doing the simple things," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. Not the most enlightening of assessments but Evans, the former boy from the boot room, can now impart such obvious judgments without a hint of scorn. His standing, as Liverpool have swept into a top four place, is growing with every point.


McManaman: call-up

As Liverpool stood back and admired their handiwork, Whittingham poached a goal back before the break. After it, too, Liverpool were subdued, Villa striving valiantly for parity. Once Fowler had clipped in his ninth goal in ten games, though, it was as you were.

Rush was replaced because of recurring knee trouble, which will keep him out of Wales' European championship qualifier in Moldavia on Wednesday, and Staunton's late stab into an empty net, after Scales, Ruddock and James had booed in unison, was equally insigificant to the outcome.

Too early, perhaps, to talk of titles and trophies yet Evans's engine is running in smoothly. Out of the blackness emerges a new order.

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2) D James — R Jones, J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — S McManaman, J Molby, J Barnes, S Bjornebye — I Rush (sub: J Redknapp 79min), R Fowler
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — E Barrett, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, S Staunton — R Houghton (sub: N Lamptey, 73min) G Parker, A Townsend (sub: P King, 31), D Yorke — D Saunders G Whittingham
Referee: K Burge

Woan rewards Forest's resilience

Manchester City 3
Nottingham Forest 3

BY KEITH PIKE

WINNING football matches against inferior opposition can be habit-forming — and a lot of fun — but having to save them when the clock is overrunning and the home team's supporters are baying is a far greater barometer of a team's potential, and Nottingham Forest suggested strongly on Saturday that they are no fair-weather friends.

Ninety minutes had elapsed at Maine Road when Forest, twice ahead but now 3-2 behind, worked the ball down Manchester City's right flank. Lomas, City's young Northern Ireland international midfield player, had the chance to clear but, betrayed by his inexperience, instead chose to take on Bohinen and ended up having to foul him. It was the opportunity Forest had been waiting for. Pearce's free kick was half cleared, Dibble, the City goalkeeper, was left marooned and dazed in a chaotic penalty area, and Woan, the Forest substitute, fresh and quick-witted, lobbed the ball back into an unguarded net.

So, to the attributes of discipline, which got Forest back into the FA Carling Premiership at the first time of asking last season, and flair, which Bryan Roy's arrival has quadrupled, can be added resilience. Frank Clark, Forest's manager, preferred the word "character".

Whatever, it is a powerful combination, one that has seen them come through their first nine Premiership games without defeat and within touching distance of Newcastle United, the leaders. Portsmouth were the last team to beat Forest, 21 matches and nearly seven months ago.

Can it last? Let us hope so. Forest still represent much of what is good about English football. Heavier grounds will do them no favours, their last line of defence remains suspect, and if life after Brian (Clough) has proved rewarding enough, life without Bryan (Roy) threatens to handicap them.

The slim and sprightly Dutch striker, such a devastating foil to the rampaging Collymore in Forest's attack, was on international duty at the weekend and is likely to miss around one sixth of their remaining league games for the same reason. Their match-winning potential will inevitably suffer.

It did here. Forest reverting to a five-man midfield that all too often left Collymore isolated and frustrated, even if he did score twice. It was that sort of occasion — exciting and unpredictable, but full of anomalies: Lomas hero and villain; Brightwell, Collymore's marker, praised in all quarters for his performance yet disconsolate afterwards; Forest so much more sure-footed and organised in defence than City yet giving away two horrendous goals.

Collymore seemed to have won the game for Forest, first when his deflected close-range shot gave them the lead after City's left flank had been sliced open with embarrassing ease, and then when Crossley's punt and Dibble's inexplicable dalliance on his line allowed him to make it 2-1 early in the second half.

Each time, though, Quinn, that most awkward and persevering of customers, dragged his team back on terms as Forest proved themselves to be no mugs in the shoddy defending stakes.

When Quinn's brilliant chest-down from Hill's cross allowed Lomas to lash home the goal of the match with 70 minutes gone, another home win beckoned for a team so fluent on its own patch, so feeble on its travels. Forest, though, just would not lie down.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Dibble — R Edghill, I Brightwell, A Hill, T Phelan — N Summerbee, S Lomas, G Flitcroft, P Beagrie — P Walsh, N Quinn.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): M Crossley — A I Hasleod, S Chetta, C Cooper, S Pearce — S Stone, L Bohinen, B Phillips, S Gemmill (sub: J Lee, 76min), J Black (sub: I Woan, 75) — S Collymore.
Referee: P Durkin.

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Lack of cohesion undermines Ardiles's side

Tottenham draw little comfort from equality

Tottenham Hotspur 1
Queens Park Rangers ... 1

BY SIMON BARNES

IF Tottenham are such a great attacking team, how come they don't score goals? There is a mystery about Tottenham, as there is about all football teams, a question of team and managerial chemistry (or is it physics?), and on Saturday, despite a flamboyant, almost frenzied commitment to attack, the best they could manage was a 1-1 draw with Queens Park Rangers.

Well, perhaps you will imagine they dominated the game, created thousands of chances, goalie played a blinder, could have been 4-4; rich entertainment, all courage and panache.

But Tottenham did not dominate the game, neither psychologically nor territorially. Then did Rangers play the spoiling game, ten men behind the ball, then all rushing forward for offside? Not a bit of it — they played with a lot of dash and can consider themselves unlucky not to win.

Tottenham are tenth in the table, and the manager, Osvaldo Ardiles, is supposed to be in ever-present fear of losing his job. That added a vulturine relish to the game. His two Romanian players were absent, on international duty against France, but Ardiles still selected a side in his most gung-ho formation.

Even after a double sending-off, he gave us still more of the same thing: no faulting his nerve. The Rangers line-leader, Ferdinand, had been getting increasingly upset at the lack of protection he was getting against a robust Tottenham defence and, in the end, he and the centre back, Scott, had to go after an undisciplined flare-up.

Rangers kept four at the back: Ardiles kept only his remaining three. Why, then, were Tottenham not all over Rangers? That is surely what should have happened. Especially as Tottenham have one of the world's great marksmen in Klinsmann. A ten-a-side game should have had them rattling in four or five. If the country's greatest attacking side — that is the way they were billed at the start of the season — cannot make hay against the likes of a depleted Queens Park Rangers at home, what is the point of them?


Ardiles: adventurous


Klinsmann: isolated

You can talk footballing technicalities: say the shape is wrong, they need more width, they need a dominant personality in midfield to lock-pick defences. But the real problem is not technical at all: it is to do with the eternal mystery of a team, the manager and the moment.

Dominating all Tottenham thought is the urge to feed Klinsmann and wait for the miracle. As a ploy, it is not hard to predict, and predictability is seldom hard to counter. Particularly when the miracle-worker is short on support: sorry, Jürgen, we expected a miraculous goal: we weren't ready for the pass.

But one feels for Ardiles. He was prepared to go out and dare, but the dashing 5-4 victories have not come. Instead, the sense of vulnerability has spread from the back and it now pervades the whole side. There is a lack of purpose. They did not dominate the game: they only threw men at it. Swagger has become frenzy.

Tottenham offered, in short, a sophisticated version of hit-and-hope. There was nothing cohesive about them, no strong argument, nor real case: only rhetoric. They offer style withot content. Alas, mere good intentions are never enough. Sending-offs achieved, the first thing their three-man back-line permitted was a lofted cross from Sinclair that gave Impey a free header: one down.

Tottenham's incoherent second half brought plenty of running about, but very few shots, still fewer on target. With Tottenham, the foreplay never ends.

The goal that keeps the crisis on the simmer rather than on the boil came with 11 minutes to go. Klinsmann set it up with one of his gravity-defying hang-time headers, and Barmby lifted the ball over the keeper.

A team does not start afresh with every game. The dynamics carry from one game to the next. Gorgeous high scoring confidence is visited on one opponent after another: so is fear, worry, confusion. I bet that everything that Tottenham tried had worked brilliantly in training.

How to break the cycle? Team dynamics are a mystery, as I say, not only to outsiders, but also to the players and the manager. You feel, you *know* when things are wrong, as you do when they are right. Seeing is one thing: but changing it? That is a still greater mystery.

What changed last season's effortlessly brilliant Manchester United of early season to the stop-start side at the end? What can change Tottenham? They want to be a cavalry charge: instead, they are the Lost Boys. Jürgen for manager?

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-3-2) I Walker — D Kerslake, S Campbell, K Scott, J Edinburgh — C Calderwood (sub: M Hazard, 46min) — N Barmby, J Dozzell (sub: R Rosenthal, 83), D Hill — E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2) A Roberts — D Bardsley, S Yates, A McDonald, C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker (sub: D Maddix, 74), I Holloway, T Sinclair — B Allen, L Ferdinand

Referee: P Jones.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	9	23	+17	WWDWD
2	Nottm Forest	9	21	+10	WDWWD
3	Blackburn	9	18	+12	WWWLD
4	Liverpool	8	17	+12	DLDWW
5	Manchester Utd	9	16	+7	LWLWL
6	Chelsea	8	15	+7	LLWLW
7	Southampton	9	15	+1	WDWWW
8	Norwich	9	15	0	DWLWW
9	Leeds	9	14	+2	WLDWL
10	Tottenham	9	13	-2	LLLWD
11	Manchester City	9	12	+1	DDWLD
12	Arsenal	9	11	+1	DLWLW
13	West Ham	9	11	-5	DWLWW
14	Aston Villa	9	9	-3	WLLLL
15	Wimbledon	9	9	-5	WDWLL
16	Sheffield Wed	9	9	-6	LDDLW
17	QPR	9	7	-4	DDLLD
18	Ipswich	8	7	-6	LLLWL
19	Crystal Palace	9	7	-7	DDLWL
20	Leicester	8	6	-9	LWDDL
21	Coventry	8	6	-10	LDWLD
22	Everton	9	3	-13	LDDLL

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Tottenham to be deducted 6 points at end of season


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Johnson, of Luton, comes face to face with Orlygsson's studs at the Victoria Ground yesterday

Macari quickly confronts reality

Stoke City 1
Luton Town 2

BY PETER BALL

IT TOOK only a week for Lou Macari to discover the extent of his task on his return to the Victoria Ground. After an easy win in his first game, Stoke were brought back to earth yesterday, Luton surviving Stoke's desperate rally to move out of the bottom four.

By then, playing with ten men after Dreyer's dismissal, Stoke appeared to have rescued an unlikely point when Carruthers stabbed the ball home. But, having gained it, they immediately threw it away again as Luton, the better footballing side, struck straight back for Preece to claim the winner.

"We kept going and did well to get back into it. Then we shot ourselves in the foot again," Macari said. "I couldn't believe seeing Carruthers and Jason Beckford grabbing the ball out of the net and running back to the halfway line at a hundred miles an hour as if they were trying to win with ten men. I'd have got the ball out of the net and kicked it over the Boothen End to waste a few minutes."

Alongside Macari's "professionalism", they like to observe the formalities in the Potteries, and the team-sheet listed the officials with the suffix "Esq". The Boothen End had earthier titles for Mr Heilbron, though, when he awarded Luton a penalty. Dreyer, the guilty party, complained with some justice that he had been pushed by Hartson before handballing. Muggleton ensured justice was done, swooping to his right to turn aside Preece's spot kick.

That was about the only break Dreyer had all afternoon. He had been caught out for Stoke's first goal as Luton took a leaf out of the Wimbledon book, Hartson flicking on Sommer's huge kick for Marshall to brush past Dreyer and put his side in front after 22 minutes. Between then and the dismissal of Dreyer in the 55th minute for pulling down Marshall from behind, Luton had the chances to put the game beyond Stoke's reach. As well as the penalty, Marshall shot a simple chance into the side netting and Telfer hammered the ball straight at Muggleton.


Preece: winning goal

Macari had just responded by putting on Beckford to augment his spluttering attack when he lost Dreyer and he had to reorganise again, sending on Overson to fill the gap left by Dreyer.

Stoke responded with spirit and Sommer had to make a splendid triple save to deny Carruthers, Beckford and Carruthers again before the hectic finale.

STOKE CITY (4-4-2): C Muggleton — R Wallace (sub: J Beckford, 53min), I Cranson, J Dreyer, L Sandford — J Butler, T Orlygsson, K Downing, N Gleghorn — M Carruthers, P Peschisolido (sub: V Overson, 58).

LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): J Sommer — J James, T Peake, M Johnson, M Thomas — P Telfer, C Hughes, G Waddock, D Preece (sub: S Oakes, 82) — J Hartson, D Marshall.

Referee: T Heilbron

Walters to stay at Molineux on loan

GRAHAM Taylor, the manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, has extended the loan spell of the Liverpool winger, Mark Walters, for a second month. Wolverhampton stayed top of the first division, despite losing 3-2 at Swindon on Saturday, but a worsening injury list is causing concern at Molineux.

Walters has scored two goals in six games for Taylor, who also has another Liverpool player, Paul Stewart, on loan at the club. He will decide next month whether to sign them on a permanent basis at a combined fee of £1.5 million.

Middlesbrough missed the chance to take over at the top by losing their first home game of the season, 1-0 to Tranmere, for whom the ever-reliable John Aldridge scored seven minutes from time.

Newly promoted Reading maintained their challenge with a 2-1 win at Charlton.

☐ The Birmingham City owner, David Sullivan, is threatening to leave the second division club after the latest outburst of hooliganism. Sullivan has received a report from Blackburn complaining about the behaviour of Birmingham supporters during the recent Coca-Cola Cup match at Ewood Park. "These few idiots make me want to walk away," Sullivan said. "I don't want to be associated with yobbos."

The Birmingham manager, Barry Fry, is struggling to convince his chairman to extend the loan period of Gary Bull, from Nottingham Forest. Bull has scored five goals in six games. "Gary wants to come and I want him but at the moment David Sullivan does not want him," Fry said. "He does not rate him as a player and thinks we have got better in the reserves."

England women beat rust in cold war with Iceland

IN ONE of the toughest matches they have played, the England women's football team won the first leg of their European championship quarter-final 2-1 against Iceland in Reykjavik on Saturday (Alyson Rudd writes).

Hampered by extreme cold and lack of team practice, England did well to battle their way to a victory that makes them favourites for the return leg in Brighton on October 30.

"For the last half an hour, the girls had trouble breathing, the air was so cold," Ted Copeland, the England manager, said. "It must have been well below zero. Even sitting on the touchline, it was difficult to breathe."

Gillian Coultard, the England captain and, according to Copeland, the player of the match, gave England the lead in the seventh minute with a right-footed volley from 25 yards. Margrat Olafsdottir equalised with half an hour played.

"We gave them the goal, we just stood back on the edge of the box and a shot that could have gone anywhere went in the top corner," Copeland said.

Apart from two ten-minute spells, England were the better side and won the tie through Kerry Davis's close-range strike in the sixtieth minute.

"We didn't play the best football game we've played. It was not our normal fluid football," Copeland said of what was essentially a gritty performance against a very defensive Iceland team that relies on catching opponents on the break.

He is confident that England will improve for the second leg. "This was our first game in five months, so we were a bit rusty." For the match in Brighton, the England squad will have three full days together, instead of the single day's training before this game.

Although Copeland paid tribute to the way the team "worked for each other", he is keeping an open mind about whom he fields for the next leg.

On Sunday, he will be watching the match between Liverpool FC Ladies and Croydon, keeping an eye on Jan Murray, Clare Taylor, Karen Burke and Kerry Davis, who all play for Liverpool, and on Debbie Bampton and Donna Smith, of Croydon.

According to Coultard, the Iceland team was virtually unrecognisable from the one that England faced two years ago.

"They've improved in a short space of time," she said. "They've learnt you have got to be a lot tougher, that there's got to be a bit of shirt-pulling in women's football."

Watching the game was Bryndis Valsdottir, a former Icelandic international. She said that Iceland played like a side that was "very stressed". This was the most important game in their history — and the players' nerves showed. "Our best hopes for the second leg are in the form of luck," she said.


Coultard: tough lesson

ICELAND (1-3-5-1) S Palsdottir — G Saemundsdottir — G Jonsdottir, V Sigurgeirsdottir, A Skuladottir — A B Gunnlaugsdottir, A Helgadottir, R L Stefansdottir, M Olafsdottir, S Ottarsdottir — O Fearnath

ENGLAND (4-4-2) L Shipp — K Pealling, D Smith, S Williams, C Taylor — G Coultard, M Spacey (sub: K Burke, 83min), D Bampton, J Murray — K Walker, K Davis

Injuries blunt Welsh attack

WALES depart for their European championship qualifying tie today leaving behind a considerable strike-force, thereby posing a not-inconsiderable difficulty for the manager, Mike Smith, who must name a side to take on Moldavia on Wednesday bereft of the talents of Ian Rush, Mark Hughes, Ryan Giggs and Dean Saunders.

They have won 176 international caps among them — scoring 56 goals — and their combined absence is a significant setback for the Welsh, whose other recognised forwards — Iwan Roberts, of Leicester, and Nathan Blake, of Sheffield United — can muster nine caps and no goals.

Hughes was not included in the original squad because of the groin injury that kept him out of last month's opening match in group seven against Albania — even though he has played for Manchester United in the interim.

Saunders, of Aston Villa, was also not considered as he serves the final match of a suspension imposed after being sent off against West Germany in Wales's European qualifying tie three years ago.

But Smith's worst fears were realised over the weekend when both Giggs and Rush dropped out in the space of a few hours.

Giggs's absence is caused by the calf injury that has sidelined him for United's last three games, although he was due to link up with his Welsh team-mates at their Waltham Abbey base yesterday.

Then Rush was forced to pull out after being substituted in Liverpool's 3-2 victory over Aston Villa on Saturday when his knee injury flared up.

"We're without the big four, but there is not much I can do about it. We will have to cope without them," Smith said. His decision not to demand the release of his players from the games at the weekend also cost him the Norwich midfield player, Jeremy Goss, who arrived at the team hotel with a fractured nose and leg strain from the 2-1 victory over Leeds and was sent home.

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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

CHELSEA (2) 4 **LEICESTER** (0) 0
Spencer 1, 49
Peacock 4
Shipperley 76
18,397

Chelsea: (4-4-2): D Kharine; S Clarke, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, F Sinclair; D Rocastle, N Spackman, G Peacock, D Wise (sub: E Newton, 68), J Spencer (sub: N Shipperley, 52), P Furlong
Leicester: (4-4-2): K Poole; S Grayson (sub: Smith, 46), M Whitlow, R Willis, N Mohan, F Carr, M Blake, M Draper, T Philpott (sub: D Lowe, 46), J Joachim, I Roberts.
Referee: J Worrall.

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 **A VILLA** (1) 2
Ruddock 20 Whittingham 37
Fowler 26, 57 Staunton 90
32,158

Liverpool (4-4-2): D James; R Jones, J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb, S McManaman, J Molby, J Barnes, S Bjornebye; I Rush (sub: J Redknapp 79), R Fowler.
Aston Villa: (4-4-2): M Bosnich; E Barrett, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, S Staunton, R Houghton (sub: N Lamptey, 72), G Parker, A Townsend (sub: F King, 31), D Yorke, D Saunders, G Whittingham.
Booked: Townsend.
Referee: K Burge.

MAN CITY (1) 3 **NOTTM F** (1) 3
Quinn 41, 54 Collymore 22, 55
Lomas 70 Woan 89
23,150

Manchester City (4-4-2): A Dibble; R Edghill, I Brightwell, A Hill, T Phelan; N Summerbee, S Lomas, G Flitcroft, P Beagrie; P Walsh, N Quinn
Booked: Lomas
Nottingham Forest (4-5-1): M Crossley; A I Haaland, S Chettle, C Cooper, S Pearce; S Stone, L Bohinen, D Phillips, S Gemmill (sub: J Lee, 76), K Black (sub: I Woan, 79); S Collymore.
Booked: Pearce, Gemmill, Woan, Black.
Referee: P Durkin

NORWICH (0) 2 **LEEDS** (0) 1
Robins 61 Wallace 89
Adams 90 17,390

Norwich (4-4-2): B Gunn; C Bradshaw, M Bowen, J Newsome (sub: S Price, 57), R Newman; N Adams, I Crook, M Milligan (sub: J Goss, 29), D Eadie; M Robins, M Sheron.
Booked: Bradshaw, Newman.
Leeds (4-4-2): J Lukic; G Kelly, N Worthington (sub: C Fairclough, 81), D Wetherall, C Palmer; A Dorigo, G McAllister, G Speed, R Wallace, B Deane, N Whelan (sub: J Pemberton, 70)
Booked: Palmer, Deane, Whelan.
Referee: P Don

SHEFF WED (1) 1 **MAN UTD** (0) 0
Hirst 44 33,441

Sheffield Wednesday (4-4-2): K Pressman; P Atherton, I Nolan, A Pearce, D Walker; C Bart-Williams, (sub: I Taylor 65), J Sheridan, G Hyde, L Briscoe, D Hirst, M Bright (sub: G Watson, 88).
Booked: Pearce
Manchester Utd (4-3-3): P Schmeichel; P Parker (sub: D May, 61), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin; R Keane, P Ince, B McClair; K Gillespie, (sub: P Scholes, 76), M Hughes, L Sharpe.
Booked: Bruce, Sharpe, Hughes.
Referee: P Danson

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 **EVERTON** (0) 0
Ekelund 19 15,163
Le Tissier 72

Southampton (4-3-3): B Grobbelaar (sub: D Beasant, 3); J Kenna, K Monkou, F Benali, S Charlton, N Maddison, J Magilton, N Heaney, M Le Tissier, I Dowie, R Ekelund.
Everton (4-4-2): N Southall; M Jackson (sub: G Stuart, 80), D Watson (sub: I Durrant, 45), D Unsworth, D Burrows; G Rowett, V Samways, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe, D Amokachi, P Rideout.
Booked: Jackson, Burrows, Rowett.
Referee: B Hill

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 **QPR** (1) 1
Barmby 79 Impey 45
25,799

Tottenham (4-1-3-2): I Walker; D Kerslake, S Campbell, K Scott, J Edinburgh, C Calderwood (sub: M Hazard, 46), N Barmby, J Dozzell (sub: R Rosenthal, 83), D Hill; E Sheringham, J Klinsmann.
Sent off: Scott (38). Booked: Edinburgh.
QPR (4-4-2): A Roberts; D Bardsley, S Yates, A McDonald, C Wilson, A Impey, S Barker, I Holloway, T Sinclair, B Allen, L Ferdinand.
Sent off: Ferdinand (38). Booked: Bardsley, Wilson, Ferdinand.
Referee: P Jones.

WEST HAM (0) 1 **C PALACE** (0) 0
Hutchison 72 16,959

West Ham (4-4-2): L Miklosko, T Breacker, A Martin, S Potts, K Rowland; M Marsh, M Allen, J Moncur, D Hutchison; A Cottee, L Chapman (sub: D Rush, 57)
Booked: Rush
Crystal Palace (4-4-2): N Martyn, Patterson (sub: B Launders, 83), R Shaw, C Coleman, D Gordon; R Bowry, G Southgate, R Newman, G Ndah (sub: B Dyer, 70); J Salako, C Armstrong.
Booked: Southgate, Bowry
Referee: G Poll

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 **ARSENAL** (1) 3
Jones 82 Wright 11
10,842 Smith 57
Campbell 65

Wimbledon (4-4-2): H Segers; W Barton, S Fitzgerald, A Reeves, A Kimble; P Fear, G Elkins, V Jones, M Gayle (sub: A Thorn, 80); D Holdsworth, M Harford (sub: N Ardley, 64).
Arsenal (4-4-2): D Seaman, L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn, R Parlour, J Jensen, S Schwarz (sub, D Hillier, 91), K Campbell, I Wright, A Smith.
Referee: G Ashby (sub: S Tomlin, 46).

Yesterday

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 **BLACKBURN** (0) 1
Howey 98 Shearer (pen) 58
34,334

Newcastle: P Srnicek, M Hottiger, J Beresford, S Howey, D Peacock, S Watson, R Fox, R Lee (sub: P Kitson, 77), S Sellars, P Beardsley, A Cole.
Booked: Srnicek.
Blackburn: T Flowers, P Warhurst, G Le Saux, C Hendry, H Berg, T Sherwood, S Ripley, M Atkins, J Wilcox, C Sutton, A Shearer
Booked: Warhurst, Sutton, Shearer
Referee: S Lodge



Fowler: two goals on Saturday

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Cole (Newcastle)	7	2	3	12
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	7	4	0	11
Lee (Newcastle)	7	0	4	11
Sutton (Blackburn)	7	2	1	10
Le Tissier (Southampton)	5	5	0	10
Wright (Arsenal)	5	2	3	10
Fowler (Liverpool)	7	2	0	9
Collymore (Nottm For)	6	2	0	8
Shearer (Blackburn)	7	0	1	8
Ferdinand (QPR)	5	1	0	6
Walsh (Man City)	5	1	0	6

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

ALTHOUGH Everton lead the table for the number of goals conceded, their average per match is marginally better than second-placed Coventry, who let in 2.25 goals per game. At the foot, with the tightest defence, are Blackburn, with just six goals conceded, and, despite recent form, Manchester United have managed to keep the most clean sheets with five.

Six teams, however, have found that luxury an impossibility. Ipswich seem to be particularly susceptible to dead-ball situations, while Everton, QPR and Crystal Palace have problems dealing with the aerial threat of their opponents. Leeds are in the habit of conceding penalties and Leicester are the soft touch for own-goals.

	P	Goals agt	Avge	Cln sht	Pen	Dead ball	Open play	OG	Hdr	Agt 93/4
Everton	9	20	2.22	0	1	3	16	1	6	63
Coventry	8	18	2.25	0	0	2	16	0	4	45
Leicester	9	18	2.00	0	0	2	16	2	4	59
Sheff Wed	9	17	1.89	3	1	3	13	0	1	54
Tottenham	9	17	1.89	0	1	2	14	1	3	59
QPR	9	16	1.78	0	0	3	13	1	6	61
Ipswich	8	15	1.88	0	0	4	11	0	4	58
Soton	9	13	1.44	1	0	0	13	0	0	66
C Palace	9	13	1.44	2	1	2	10	0	6	46
Man City	9	13	1.44	3	0	3	10	1	1	49
Aston Villa	9	13	1.44	2	1	2	10	0	0	50
Wimbledon	9	12	1.33	2	0	0	12	0	2	53
Chelsea	8	10	1.25	4	0	2	8	1	2	53
West Ham	9	10	1.11	4	0	1	9	1	3	58
Arsenal	9	10	1.11	4	1	3	6	1	1	28
Leeds	9	10	1.11	3	3	1	6	0	2	39
Nottm For	9	10	1.11	2	1	1	8	0	1	49
Newcastle	9	9	1.00	2	2	1	8	0	2	41
Man Utd	9	7	0.78	5	0	1	6	0	0	38
Norwich	9	7	0.78	4	1	0	6	0	2	61
Liverpool	8	7	0.88	3	0	0	7	0	1	55
Blackburn	9	6	0.67	4	0	2	4	0	1	36
Totals		271		48	13	38	220	9	52	1121

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	dif
1 Newcastle	9	3	2	0	15	5	4	0	0	11	4	23	+17
2 Nottm For	9	3	1	0	9	4	3	2	0	11	6	21	+10
3 Blackburn	9	4	0	0	13	1	1	3	1	5	5	18	+12
4 Liverpool	8	3	1	0	10	3	2	1	1	9	4	17	+12
5 Man Utd	9	4	0	0	9	0	1	1	3	5	7	16	+7
6 Chelsea	8	3	0	2	11	4	2	0	1	6	6	15	+7
7 Soton	9	2	2	1	7	5	2	1	1	7	8	15	+1
8 Norwich	9	3	2	0	5	2	1	1	2	2	5	15	0
9 Leeds	9	3	0	1	7	4	1	2	2	5	6	14	+2
10 Tottenham	9	1	1	3	5	9	3	0	1	10	8	13	+1
11 Man City	9	3	2	0	13	4	0	1	3	1	9	12	+1
12 Arsenal	9	1	1	2	6	5	2	1	2	5	5	11	-5
13 West Ham	9	2	1	2	3	5	1	1	2	2	5	11	-3
14 Aston Villa	9	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	3	6	9	9	-5
15 Wimbledon	9	1	1	3	5	8	1	2	1	2	4	9	-6
16 Sheff Wed	9	1	3	1	6	5	1	0	3	5	11	9	-2
17 QPR	9	1	1	2	6	7	0	3	2	6	9	7	-4
18 Ipswich	8	1	0	3	5	8	1	1	2	4	7	7	-6
19 C Palace	9	0	1	3	2	9	1	3	1	4	4	7	-7
20 Leicester	9	1	2	1	7	7	0	1	4	2	11	6	-9
21 Coventry	8	1	1	2	4	6	0	2	2	4	12	6	-10
22 Everton	9	0	3	1	6	7	0	0	5	1	13	3	-13

Tottenham will be deducted 6 points at the end of the season

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (0) 0 **SOUTHEND** (0) 0
3,659

BRISTOL C (0) 1 **MILLWALL** (0) 0
Bard 56 7,499

BURNLEY (0) 2 **BOLTON** (1) 2
Davis 67 McGinlay 5
Deary 73 Coleman 62
16,687

CHARLTON (0) 1 **READING** (1) 2
Robson 56 Osborn 5
10,544 Gilkes 60

DERBY (0) 1 **WATFORD** (1) 1
Hodge 72 Nogan 35
13,413

GRIMSBY (0) 0 **SHEFF UTD** (0) 0
8,930

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 **TRANMERE** (0) 1
19,497 Aldridge 83

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 **PORT VALE** (0) 2
Williams 32 Kelly 62
Agana 56 Foyle 66
6,903

OLDHAM (1) 3 **PORTSMOUTH** (0) 2
Holden 27 (pen), 57 (pen) Creaney 50
Graham 73 Hall 66
7,683

SWINDON (2) 3 **WOLVERHAMPTON** (2) 2
Bodin 15 Kelly 13, 41
Scott 28 14,036
Beauchamp 60

WEST BROM (0) 1 **SUNDERLAND** (2) 3
Ashcroft 75 Smith 27
13,717 Gray 35, 56

Yesterday

STOKE (0) 1 **LUTON** (1) 2
Carruthers 81 Marshall 23
11,712 Preece 83

SECOND DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 **HUDDERSFIELD** (1) 1
Bull 45 Bullock 13
15,265

BRADFORD (1) 2 **BRIGHTON** (0) 1
Kamara 38 McDougald 65
Taylor 79 6,970

BRENTFORD (2) 3 **BRISTOL R** (0) 0
Forster 3, 5 5,330
Taylor 53

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1 **WREXHAM** (0) 2
Corazzin 85 Bennett 49, 75 (pen)
3,221

CARDIFF (1) 1 **CREWE** (0) 2
Stant 23 Ward 88
4,126 Edwards 90

CHESTER (1) 2 **SWANSEA** (1) 2
Page 16 (pen) Ampadu 11
Shelton 77 Ford 84
2,186

HULL (1) 1 **BLACKPOOL** (0) 0
Gouck 11 (og) 3,829

OXFORD UTD (1) 1 **PLYMOUTH** (0) 0
Byrne 18 6,550

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 **BOURNEMOUTH** (0) 0
Brown 16 3,684
Clarke 49, 68

STOCKPORT (0) 1 **ROTHERHAM** (0) 0
Francis 79 4,991

WYCOMBE (1) 2 **LEYTON ORIENT** (0) 1
Regis 34 Gray 76
Thompson 73 5,668

YORK (0) 1 **PETERBOROUGH** (0) 1
McCarthy 52 Williams 87
3,601

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (1) 2 **HEREFORD** (1) 2
Newson 3 White 12
Hodges 49 Reece 55
2,116

COLCHESTER (0) 0 **CHESTERFIELD** (1) 3
3,476 Davies 22
Moss 67
Morris 89

DARLINGTON (0) 0 **BURY** (0) 2
2,352 Carter 74
Pugh 86

DONCASTER (3) 5 **WIGAN** (1) 3
Roche 35 (pen) Leonard 43, 50 (pen)
Brabin 40, 52 Benjamin 90
Harper 45, 63 2,060

EXETER (0) 0 **NORTHAMPTON** (0) 0
3,015

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 **TORQUAY** (0) 0
Pike 24 2,439

LINCOLN (0) 1 **CARLISLE** (0) 1
Bannister 73 Reeves 47
3,097

MANSFIELD (1) 2 **HARTLEPOOL** (0) 0
Holland 24 2,545
Wilkinson 60

PRESTON (0) 0 **SCUNTHORPE** (0) 1
6,896 Alexander 79

ROCHDALE (1) 1 **FULHAM** (0) 2
Whitehall 21 Brazil 65
2,573 Hurlock 79

WALSALL (1) 4 **SCARBOROUGH** (1) 1
O'Connor 6, 86 (pen) White 22
Ryder 53 3,601
Houghton 81

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Roe (Millwall) 32; Lydiate (Bolton) 64.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 11 Aldridge (Tranmere). 10 Whyte (Charlton). 9 McGinlay (Bolton).
8 McCarthy (Oldham); Mendonca (Grimsby); Fjortoft (Swindon).
Second division: 13 Moody (Oxford Utd). 12 Nogan (Brighton). 11 Booth (Huddersfield); Jewell (Bradford). 10 Francis (Stockport).
Third division: 11 Carter (Bury); Freedman (Barnet). 10 Reeves (Carlisle).
Scottish Premier: 8 Coyne (Motherwell); Hateley (Rangers). 7 Booth (Aberdeen).
6 Cadette (Falkirk); O'Neill (Hibernian).
First division: 13 Britton (Dundee). 12 O'Boyle (St Johnstone). 11 Petrie (Dunfermline).
Second division: 6 Alexander (Greenock Morton); Bailey (Meadowbank); Watters (Stirling); Lilley (Greenock Morton).
Third division: 15 Yardley (Cowdenbeath). 7 McAnenay (Alloa).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

CELTIC (0) 0 **ABERDEEN** (0) 0
29,024

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 **RANGERS** (1) 1
Hunter 46 Boli 10
Harper 61 12,118

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 **DUNDEE UTD** (1) 2
7,127 Welsh 29
Rastic 87

MOTHERWELL (2) 5 **FALKIRK** (1) 3
Coyne 3, 86 Clark 34, 59
Davies 22 McAvennie 65
Arnott 73, 79 6,239

PARTICK (0) 0 **HEARTS** (1) 1
5,384 Robertson 25

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE (0) 0 **RAITH** (0) 0
2,096

CLYDEBANK (1) 3 **AYR** (0) 0
Grady 33 1,071
Eadie 46, 64

DUNDEE (2) 2 **HAMILTON** (0) 0
Hamilton 24 2,370
Britton 39

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 **ST JOHNSTONE** (0) 0
Tod 20 6,931
Smith 45
Petrie 70

STRANRAER (0) 1 **ST MIRREN** (0) 1
Walker 57 Baker 90
1,450

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (2) 2 **MEADOWBANK** (1) 1
Hawk 11 Little 35
Neil 19 520

BRECHIN (0) 1 **STIRLING** (1) 2
Brand 85 Watters 10
517 Tattari 48

EAST FIFE (1) 2 **DUMBARTON** (1) 3
Beaton 45 Mooney 43 (pen)
Scott 72 Gibson 65, 71
862

G MORTON (0) 0 **CLYDE** (0) 1
1,801 Knox 85

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 **QUEEN OF SOUTH** (0) 0
600

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION (0) 1 **ARBROATH** (0) 2
Conn 85 (pen) Craib 84
315 Florence 86

ALLOA (1) 1 **MONTROSE** (0) 1
Lamont 44 MacRonald 89
460

CALEDONIAN T (0) 0 **COWDENBEATH** (1) 3
1,400 Winter 3
Yardley 59 (pen), 72

E STIRLING (1) 3 **QUEEN'S PARK** (1) 2
Scott 43 Maxwell 9
Geraghty 71 McPhee 46
McCallum 89 464

FORFAR (0) 1 **ROSS COUNTY** (0) 0
McPhee 57 650

SENDINGS OFF

Premier division: Fulton (Falkirk) 90; Charnley (Partick) 89.
Second division: Roberts (Stirling) 72.
Third division: Collins (Albion) 23.

GM CONFERENCE

BATH (1) 2 **STALYBRIDGE** (1) 3
Adcock 31 (pen) Gauress 18
Birkby 46 Wheeler 79
666 Shaughnessy 84

BROMSGROVE (1) 2 **FARNBOROUGH** (1) 2
Gaunt 1 Boothe 21
Clarke 88 Turkington 49
1,268

GATESHEAD (1) 2 **DAG & RED** (0) 1
Dobson 17, 76 Cooper 80
443

HALIFAX (1) 1 **ALTRINCHAM** (1) 1
Worthington 25 Terry 45
1,174

RUNCORN (2) 2 **KIDDERMINSTER** (1) 2
Smith 6 Humphreys 1
Thomas 26 Davies 68
458

STAFFORD (0) 0 **MACCLESFIELD** (1) 3
1,072 Shepherd 32
Wood 61
Power 89

WOKING (2) 3 **KETTERING** (1) 1
Hay 16, 48 Thomas 2
Dennis 24 2,277

YEOVIL (0) 0 **SOUTHPORT** (0) 1
1,760 Constive 80

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Altrincham	12	3	1	2	11	7	5	1	0	19	7	26
2 Woking	13	4	3	1	19	12	3	0	2	5	5	24
3 Macclesfield	13	4	3	1	15	8	2	2	1	8	6	23
4 Bromsgrove	13	4	3	1	17	10	2	1	2	8	8	22
5 Kettering	13	3	2	1	9	5	3	2	2	11	9	22
6 Farnborough	12	2	1	2	6	3	4	2	1	10	8	21
7 Bath	13	2	1	3	15	15	2	3	1	9	8	19
8 Kidderminster	12	3	1	1	10	4	2	2	3	11	13	18
9 Gateshead	11	3	1	2	8	5	2	2	1	7	9	18
10 Halifax	11	2	2	1	7	4	2	3	1	10	8	17
11 Southport	12	3	0	2	13	7	2	1	4	4	11	16
12 Northwich	9	2	2	0	9	2	1	4	0	8	7	15
13 Runcorn	13	2	3	2	10	12	2	0	4	11	13	15
14 Dover	9	1	3	1	5	5	2	1	1	6	4	13
15 Telford	8	3	2	0	8	2	0	1	2	2	5	12
16 Stalybridge	12	1	1	2	5	8	2	2	4	14	15	12
17 Dag & Red	11	2	1	2	6	7	1	1	4	4	13	11
18 Yeovil	13	1	1	4	5	9	1	3	3	7	12	10
19 Welling	10	2	1	2	9	9	0	1	4	5	14	8
20 Merthyr	10	2	1	2	10	10	0	1	4	3	12	8
21 Stafford	13	1	0	6	8	16	1	1	4	8	17	7
22 Stevenage	9	0	2	3	4	9	1	1	2	5	4	6

SENDINGS OFF

GM Conference: Goulding (Southport) 77; White (Yeovil) 73.

EUROPEAN RESULTS



Selymes, of France, crosses in the European Championship qualifier with Romania

GERMANY: Duisburg 1 Freiburg 2; VfB Stuttgart 3 Bayer Uerdingen 1; Borussia Dortmund 3 Schalke 04 2; Cologne 1 Dynamo Dresden 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bor Dortmund	8	6	1	1	25	10	13
Werder Bremen	7	5	1	1	14	8	11
Bayern Munich	8	4	3	1	17	11	11
Kaiserslautern	8	4	3	1	16	11	11
SV Hamburg	7	4	2	1	12	8	10
SC Karlsruhe	8	4	2	2	19	14	10
B Leverkusen	8	3	3	2	18	12	9
SC Freiburg	8	4	2	2	16	11	9
VfB Stuttgart	8	4	1	3	16	18	9
Bor M'gladbach	8	2	4	2	16	12	8
Schalke 04	8	2	3	3	10	11	7
E Frankfurt	8	2	3	3	7	13	7
D Dresden	8	2	2	4	10	14	6
B Uerdingen	8	1	3	4	7	12	5
FC Cologne	8	1	3	4	12	19	5
VfL Bochum	7	2	0	5	7	19	4
1860 Munich	7	0	2	5	4	15	2
MSV Duisburg	8	0	2	6	7	19	2

SPAIN: Barcelona 4 Atletico Madrid 3.

HOLLAND: Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1 MVV Maastricht 1.

FINLAND: Haka Valkeakoski 5 ROPS Rovaniemi 1; HJK Helsinki 1 Jazz Pori 2; Ilves Tampere 3 FinnPa Helsinki 0; Jaro Pietarsaari 1 TPV Tampere 2; MyPa Anjalankoski 8 KuPS Kuopio 0; FC Oulu 5 Kuusysi Lahti 0; TPS Turku 2 MP Mikkeli 2. Final Positions: 1, TPV Tampere, played 26, 52; 2, MyPa Anjalankoski, 26, 50; 3, HJK Helsinki, 26, 43.

TURKEY: Gaziantepspor 2 Galatasaray 2; Genclerbirligi 0 Besiktas 2; Fenerbahce 1 Bursaspor 1; Trabzonspor 1 Ankaragucu 1; Samsunspor 8 Petrolofisi 2; Kayserispor 1 Altay 1; Antalyaspor 4 Zeytinburnuspor 0; Kocaelispor 2 Vanspor 0; Denizlispor 2 Adanademirspor 0. Positions: (after 8 matches): 1, Galatasaray, 20 points; 2, Besiktas, 18; 3, Fenerbahce, 16; 4, Trabzonspor, 16; 5, Bursaspor, 15; 6 Genclerbirligi, 14.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS: Group 1: France 0 Romania 0 (at St Etienne). Group 2: Armenia 0 Cyprus 0 (at Yerevan). Group 4: Estonia 0 Italy 2 (at Tallinn). Positions: Group 1: 1, Romania, played 2, 4 points; 2 Israel, 1, 3; 3, France, 2, 2; 4, Slovakia, 1, 1; 5, Poland, 1, 0; 6, Azerbaijan, 1, 0. Group 2: 1, Belgium, 1, 3; 2, Spain, 1, 3; 3, Denmark, 1, 1; 4, Macedonia, 1, 1; 5, Cyprus, 2, 1; 6, Armenia, 2, 1. Group 4: 1, Italy, 2, 4; 2, Croatia, 1, 3; 3, Lithuania, 1, 3; 4, Slovenia, 1, 1; 5, Ukraine, 1, 0; 6, Estonia, 2, 0.

UNDER-21 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group 2: Cyprus 2 Armenia. Group 6: Portugal 1 Latvia 0.

ALL THE OTHER LEAGUES

FA CUP

Third qualifying round: Blyth 3 Barrow 1, Harrogate 0 Bishop A 3, Tow Law 0 Spennymoor 0; Whitby 1 Durham 1, Guiseley 3 Atherton 1, Congleton 0 Morecambe 3; Eastwood 1 Hyde 1, Lancaster 5 Lincoln 1; Northwich Victoria 2 Emley 1; Warrington 2 Frickley 0; Eastwood Hanley 0 Burton 1, Moor Green 4 Paget 1, Gresley 3 Leek 1, Gainsborough 0 Telford 3, Billericay 1 Braintree 1, Heybridge 3 Boston 0, Hitchin 3 Cambridge City 1, Hendon 0 Chelmsford 1; Baldock 0 Aylesbury 2, Collier Row 0 Chesham 1, Ruislip Manor 0 Enfield 3, St Albans 1 Romford 0 Yeading 4 Staines 1, Ashford 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Hastings 2 Carshalton 2; Worthing 2 Dulwich Hamlet 1; Margate 0 Kingstonian 1, Chertsey 0 Dover 0, Wembley 0 Walton and Hersham 1; Newport 3 Wokingham 0; Bashley 1 Dorchester 1, Salisbury 3 Waterlooville 3; Cinderford 0 Gloucester 2, Bideford 1 Tiverton 8

FA Challenge Vase: Preliminary round: Second replay: WA Celtic 0 Ponteland United 1; Grove United 1 Ossett Town 0

NORTHERN PREM

Premier division: Buxton 2 Whitley Bay 1, Colwyn Bay 2 Whitton 2, Horwich 2 Droylsden 2; Knowsley 2 Chorley 2; Marine 2 Accrington Stanley 1, Winsford 2 Matlock 4.

First division: Alfreton 4 Bamber Bridge 2, Ashton 4 Worksop 0, Caernarfon 1 Workington 1; Farsley 0 Gretna 0, Goole 1 Curzon Ashton 0; Mossley 0 Radcliffe Borough 1, Netherfield 1 Atherton 0

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	15	12	3	0	29	10	39
Morecambe	12	8	2	2	27	14	26
Guiseley	10	7	3	0	22	14	24
Boston Utd	12	6	4	2	24	14	22
Bishop A	13	7	0	5	24	12	21
Witton	15	5	6	4	16	18	21
Spennymoor	12	6	3	5	18	19	17
Barrow	12	5	1	6	27	21	16
Knowsley	10	4	4	2	19	14	16
Colwyn Bay	11	5	1	5	18	20	16
Winsford	12	4	4	4	17	19	16
Buxton	12	5	1	6	16	20	16
Chorley	11	4	3	4	17	23	15
Emley	11	4	2	5	21	22	14
Gainsborough	10	4	1	5	23	20	13
Horwich	12	4	1	7	20	22	13
A Stanley	13	2	6	5	14	20	12
Hyde	10	3	2	5	12	16	11
Matlock	11	3	0	8	14	20	9
Frickley	11	2	3	6	11	18	9
Whitley Bay	12	1	4	7	11	25	7
Droylsden	12	1	3	8	13	31	6

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Cheltenham 1 VS Rugby 0; Rushden and Diamonds 5 Crawley Town 0; Sudbury Town 0 Halesowen 4; Worcester 4 Sittingbourne 0.

Midland division: Bridgnorth 4 Rothwell 0 Buckingham 2 Forest Green 2, Dudley 1 Bedworth 4, Grantham 0 Briston 2, Hinckley 0 Tamworth 5; Ilkeston 2 RC Warwick 1 Leicester United 2 Armitage 1; Redditch 0 Evesham 1; Stourbridge 2 King's Lynn 4, Sutton Coldfield 0 Nuneaton 2.

Southern division: Burnham 1 Clevedon 2; Bury Town 1 Yate 1, Fareham 1 Havant 3, Poole 3 Wealdstone 0; Tonbridge 2 Erith and Belvedere 1, Weymouth 2 Weston-super-Mare 1, Witney 0 Fisher 1

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cheltenham	10	7	1	2	27	9	22
Worcester	9	6	1	2	14	5	19
Hednesford T	8	5	3	0	17	8	18
Gloucester	7	5	2	0	12	4	17
Leek Town	8	5	1	2	19	9	16
Rushden	8	5	1	2	21	13	16
Solihull	7	4	2	1	9	7	14
Halesowen	9	3	2	4	21	18	11
Dorchester	7	3	2	2	12	9	11
Chelmsford	7	3	2	2	8	6	11
Sudbury T	9	3	2	4	13	19	11
Atherstone	8	2	4	2	9	7	10
Crawley T	11	3	1	7	12	26	10
Hastings	7	2	3	2	9	7	9
Burton	7	2	2	3	9	10	8
Gresley R	7	2	1	4	11	14	7
VS Rugby	10	1	4	5	8	14	7
Cambridge	7	2	1	4	8	12	7
Stringon	9	2	1	6	9	19	7
Trowbridge	8	1	3	4	6	11	6
Gravesend N	7	1	2	4	5	12	5
Corby Town	8	1	1	6	6	24	4

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2 Slough 2, Harrow 3 Marlow 1; Molesey 1 Grays 1

First division: Basingstoke 1 Uxbridge 1, Berkhamsted 2 Barking 2; Dorking 0 Maidenhead 1; Leyton 2 Bognor Regis 3, Tooting and Mitcham 2 Newbury 2, Whyteleafe 1 Aldershot 2, Wivenhoe 1 Abingdon 1. Second division: Banstead 2 Croydon 1; Bracknell 0 Barton 4; Cheshunt 1 Chalfont St Peter 1, Hampton 0 Edgware 2, Hemel Hempstead 0 Metropolitan Police 0, Hungerford 1 Ware 4 Leatherhead 1 Aveley 0; Malden Vale 1 Egham 1; Saffron W 0 Oxford 2, Thame 4 Windsor and Eton 1, Witham 2 Tilbury 1 Third division: Clapton 2 Camberley 1, Feltham 1 East Thurrock 3, Harefield 0 Tring 3; Hertford 3 Cove 1, Horsham 4 Hornchurch 0, Kingsbury 1 Harlow 1, Lewes 0 Canvey 1 3; Northwood 0 Epsom and Eton 0, Southall 1 Bedford 4

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Slough	11	7	3	1	22	13	24
Enfield	11	6	4	1	32	14	22
Hayes	8	6	2	0	18	6	20
Aylesbury	10	5	3	2	18	10	18
St Albans	10	5	3	2	30	25	18
Purfleet	9	5	1	3	21	20	16
Carshalton	10	5	1	4	15	15	16
Bromley	9	4	3	2	15	11	15
Harrow	10	5	0	5	13	13	15
Yeading	10	4	2	4	24	21	14
Sutton Utd	11	3	4	4	15	16	13
Grays	12	2	7	3	16	18	13
Bishop's S	10	3	3	4	14	22	12
Chesham	10	3	2	5	16	16	11
Kingstonian	9	2	3	4	17	16	9
Hendon	9	2	3	4	16	17	9
Molesey	9	2	3	4	12	15	9
Walton H	6	2	3	3	8	12	9
Marlow	10	2	2	6	13	22	8
Dulwich	9	2	2	5	11	21	8
Hitchin	9	1	3	5	9	17	6
Wokingham	8	1	1	6	9	24	4

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 2 Sheffield 0, Brigg 1 Hucknall 1, Hallam 3 Ossett Albion 3, Armthorpe Welfare 1 Pontefract 1, Maltby 2 Belper 1; Pickering 3 Denaby 0, Stocksbridge 1 Glasshoughton Welfare 0, Thackley 1 Liversedge 1

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 0 Newmarket 0; Fakenham 1 Hadleigh 0; Great Yarmouth 2 Soham 2; Halstead 3 Felixstowe 0; Harwich and Parkeston 11 Chatteris 1, Haverhill 0 Watton 2; Stowmarket 4 Tiptree 1; Sudbury 1 March 0, Wisbech 4 Lowestoft 2; Woodbridge 4 Histon 2, Wroxham 2 Cornard 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 1 Salford 0; Bradford P 3 Blackpool Rovers 0; Glossop North End 1 Darwen 0; Nantwich 2; Chadderton 4; Newcastle Town 3 Bacup Borough 1; Penrith 3 Clitheroe 1; Rossendale 1 Kidsgrove 2; St Helens 3 Holker OB 1; Skelmersdale 1 Prescot 2; Trafford 2 Maine Road 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 1 Bedlington 1; Dunston 2 RTM Newcastle 4; Eppleton CW 1 Peterlee 1; Murton 1 Guisborough 2; Northallerton 0 Ferryhill 1; Prudhoe 0 Chester Le Street 5; Seaham Red Star 2 Hebburn 1, West Auckland 2 Consett 2. Second division: Brandon United 0 Whickham 2; Darlington CS 1 Shotton Comrades 2; Easington 3 Alnwick 0. Evenwood 6 Horden CW 1, Morpeth 5 Langley Park 0. Norton 0 Billingham Town 7, Ryhope CA 0 Esh Winning 0; Stockton 1 Crook 2; Washington 1 Hartlepool 2; Willington 3 Ashington 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 2 Gillingham 0; Charlton 2 QPR 2; Fulham 0 Tottenham 2, Ipswich 2 Chelsea 2, Millwall 0 Norwich 3; Portsmouth 1 Southend 2: Watford 2 Cambridge United 6; West Ham 2 Leyton Orient 1. Second division: Brighton 1 Colchester 5. Crystal Palace 1 Brentford 0; Luton 2 Bristol Rovers 1; Reading 1 Oxford United 4; Tottenham 0 Bristol City 0; Wimbledon 9 Wycombe Wanderers 1.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 1 Hereford 1, Cardiff 5 Cheltenham 0; Torquay 12 Weymouth 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 0 QPR 0.

OLD BOY'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Tenisonians 1 Chertsey 1; Hamptonians 4 Danes 4; Aloysians 2 Wilsonians 0; Meadonians 3 Cardinal Manning 0; Ignatians 3 Glyn 3. First division: Isleworthians 1 Latymer 5. Edmontonians 2 Kingsburians 7; Shene 2 Salvatorians 1, Suttonians 4 Tiffinians 2; Phoenix 1 Tenisonians R 1.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES: Premier Division: Cogenhoe 1 Raunds 3: Eynesbury 0 Spalding Utd 1; Newport Pagnell 0 Bourne 0; Stamford 1 Desborough 1; S & L Corby 2 Kempston 1; Wellingborough Town 2 Long Buckby 2; Wootton 1 Mirrlees Blackstone 1. First division: Cottingham 1 Higham 1; O N Chenecks 3 Irchester 0, Olney 0 Northampton Vanaid 6; Thrapston 5 Harrowby 1. League cup: Northampton Spencer 2 Boston 1; Stotfold 2 Holbeach 1

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield Sycob 2 Walthamstow Pennant 1; Brimsdown Rovers 2 Corinthian Casual 2; Brook House 5 Tower Hamlets 5; Hanwell 1 Haringey Borough 0; Waltham Abbey 1 Barkingside 2. Willesden 1 Cockfosters 0, Amersham 0 Croydon Athletic 6; Hillingdon Borough 0 St Margaretsbury 3

HELLENIC LEAGUE: First Division: Headington Amateurs 2 Wootton Bassett 4; Lambourn 7 Clanfield 0; Letcombe 0 Bishops Cleeve 1; Yarnton 2 Cheltenham Saracens 2

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 2 Arundel 0; East Grinstead 0 Portfield 1; Oakwood 3 Stamco 3; Peacehaven 1 Pagham 0; Ringmer 1 Southwick 2; Three Bridges 2 Langney Sports 2; Wick 1 Hailsham 1, Littlehampton 0 Shoreham 9.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Etonians 1 Lancing 2; Reptonians 3 Malvernians 2; Wellingburians 1 Brentwoods 1. First division: Cholmeleians 8 Witleians 2; Haileyburians 1 Foresters 7.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: South Bank 3 Midland Bank 2; Crouch End Vampires 0 West Wickham 0; East Barnet OG 2 O Actonians 2; Winchmore Hill 0 O Esthameians 1; Polytechnic 3 Alexandra Park 3; O Stationers 1 Lensbury 1; O Parmiterians 2 Lloyds Bank 0; Kew Association 5 Carshalton 2; Ibis 1 Barclays Bank 2; Bank of England 1 Brentham 0; O Salesians 1 Alleyn OB 6; Southgate Olympic 2 Cuaco 1; O Lyonians 8 Reigate Priory 0.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior first division: Mill Hill Village 3 O Grammarians 4; Nottsborough 2 Witan 4; O Owens 2 Wandsworth Borough 0; Parkfield 3 Ulysses 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 2 Newtown 2; Afan Lido 0 Porthmadog 1; Conwy 0 Cwmbran 1; Flint Town 1 Barry Town 3; Holywell 1 Ebbw Vale 0; Inter Cardiff 3 Mold 2; Llanelli 0 Connah's Quay 9; Rhyl 3 Maesteg Park 1; Ton Pentre 0 Bangor City 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Inter Cardiff	9	7	2	0	23	9	23
Bangor City	9	7	1	1	20	9	22
Ton Pentre	9	5	2	2	21	12	17
Porthmadog	9	5	1	3	17	8	16
Connah's Q	9	5	1	3	17	12	16
Mold	9	5	1	3	19	15	16
Afan Lido	9	5	1	3	14	13	16
Newtown	8	4	3	1	20	14	15
Cwmbran	9	5	0	4	14	12	15
Flint Town	9	4	1	4	18	12	13
Caersws	9	4	1	4	21	18	13
Holywell	9	3	4	2	14	13	13
Barry Town	8	3	2	3	13	13	11
Conwy	9	3	2	4	6	11	11
Ebbw Vale	9	3	1	5	11	11	10
Rhyl	9	3	0	6	16	23	9
Llanelli	9	1	2	6	13	37	5
Llans'raid	9	1	2	6	13	20	5
Aberystwyth	9	0	4	5	10	20	4
Maesteg P	9	0	1	8	2	22	1

P&J HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Elgin City 8 Lossiemouth 1; Fraserburgh 0 Deveronvale 2; Rothes 0 Wick Academy 2.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1 Omagh Town 1; Bangor 1 Glenavon 1; Cliftonville 1 Portadown 2; Coleraine 3 Carrick 3, Distillery 2 Ballyclare 0; Glentoran 2 Ballymena 0; Linfield 6 Larne 0; Newry 2 Crusaders 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Portadown	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
Linfield	4	3	1	0	13	2	10
Crusaders	4	3	1	0	17	7	10
Glentoran	4	3	0	1	8	3	9
Distillery	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Glenavon	4	2	1	1	9	4	7
Coleraine	4	1	3	0	11	7	6
Ards	4	1	3	0	6	5	6
Omagh Town	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Ballymena	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Bangor	4	1	1	2	1	3	4
Cliftonville	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Carrick	4	0	2	2	8	13	2
Ballyclare	4	0	0	4	2	10	0
Newry	4	0	0	4	4	16	0
Larne	4	0	0	4	1	16	0

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 1 Shamrock Rovers 1; Bohemians 4 Cobh Ramblers 1; St Patrick's Athletic 1 Athlone Town 1.

Endsleigh Insurance League

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	gls
1 Wolves	11	5	0	0	12	1	2	2	2	8	8	23	20
2 Middlsbro	11	4	1	1	10	4	3	1	1	6	3	23	16
3 Reading	11	3	2	0	7	0	3	1	2	9	8	21	16
4 Tranmere	11	5	0	0	13	8	1	2	3	4	8	20	17
5 Swindon	11	5	2	0	11	5	1	0	3	4	8	20	15
6 Charlton	11	3	2	1	11	7	1	2	2	9	12	16	20
7 Stoke	11	4	0	2	13	7	1	1	3	3	12	16	16
8 Oldham	11	4	0	2	13	9	1	0	4	5	9	15	18
9 Bolton	11	3	1	1	7	3	1	2	3	10	11	15	17
10 Sheff Utd	10	3	1	1	9	4	1	2	2	4	4	15	13
11 Derby	11	3	2	1	8	4	1	1	3	5	8	15	13
12 Sunderland	11	1	3	1	6	5	2	3	1	6	4	15	12
13 Bristol City	11	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	2	7	6	15	10
14 Grimsby	11	3	2	1	12	8	0	3	2	8	8	14	18
15 Port Vale	11	3	0	2	7	6	1	2	3	6	10	14	13
16 Southend	11	3	0	2	8	6	1	2	3	5	14	14	11
17 Portsmouth	11	1	2	2	5	7	2	2	2	7	7	13	12
18 Luton	11	0	2	3	3	8	3	2	1	9	7	13	12
19 Barnsley	11	2	3	1	5	5	1	1	3	4	7	13	9
20 Watford	11	1	3	1	7	8	1	2	3	3	8	11	10
21 Millwall	11	2	2	1	11	7	0	2	4	2	9	10	13
22 Burnley	11	0	4	2	5	7	2	0	3	4	8	10	9
23 Notts Co	11	0	3	3	7	12	1	1	3	6	8	7	13
24 West Brom	10	1	1	2	3	6	0	3	3	5	11	7	8

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	gls
1 Huddersfld	11	3	1	1	10	6	4	2	0	16	8	24	26
2 Oxford Utd	11	5	1	0	12	4	2	2	1	9	7	24	21
3 Stockport	11	5	0	1	12	4	2	1	2	12	11	22	24
4 Wycombe	11	4	1	1	11	6	3	0	2	6	7	22	17
5 Brentford	11	4	0	2	9	5	3	0	2	12	7	21	21
6 Bradford	11	3	1	2	9	8	3	1	1	11	6	20	20
7 Crewe	11	3	0	2	10	9	3	1	2	12	8	19	22
8 Wrexham	11	3	1	1	6	3	2	2	2	9	9	18	15
9 Birmingham	11	3	2	1	12	6	1	3	1	6	5	17	18
10 Blackpool	11	3	1	1	9	9	2	1	3	9	9	17	18
11 Peterboro	11	1	3	1	7	10	3	2	1	9	8	17	16
12 Hull	11	4	0	2	8	5	1	2	2	6	10	17	14
13 Brighton	11	3	2	0	6	2	1	2	3	7	11	16	13
14 Shrewsbury	11	3	3	0	14	7	1	0	4	6	8	15	20
15 Bristol R	11	2	3	0	11	7	1	3	2	3	4	15	14
16 York	11	2	2	2	10	9	1	2	2	5	5	13	15
17 Swansea	11	0	4	1	1	3	2	3	1	11	8	13	12
18 Cambridge	11	3	0	3	13	12	0	2	3	1	7	11	14
19 Plymouth	11	1	1	3	3	13	2	1	3	6	8	11	9
20 L Orient	11	2	2	1	7	7	0	0	6	4	13	8	11
21 Rotherham	11	1	1	3	5	10	1	1	4	6	10	8	11
22 Cardiff	11	0	2	4	4	9	1	1	3	7	10	8	11
23 Chester	11	1	1	4	7	12	0	1	4	2	7	5	9
24 Bournemth	11	1	1	3	6	12	0	0	6	3	16	4	9

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	gls
1 Carlisle	11	5	0	0	9	3	3	2	1	10	7	26	19
2 Bury	11	4	1	1	8	2	4	0	1	11	1	25	19
3 Barnet	11	2	3	1	11	7	4	0	1	6	3	21	17
4 Doncaster	11	4	2	0	11	4	2	1	2	4	4	21	15
5 Walsall	11	4	1	1	15	7	1	3	1	5	5	19	20
6 Rochdale	11	3	0	3	9	9	3	1	1	10	10	19	19
7 Scunthorpe	11	3	1	2	11	7	3	0	2	7	6	19	18
8 Chesterfield	11	2	1	2	3	2	4	0	2	11	8	19	14
9 Colchester	11	3	0	3	6	11	2	1	2	7	8	16	13
10 Torquay	11	2	2	1	9	8	2	1	3	7	7	15	16
11 Preston	11	1	0	3	6	6	3	2	2	8	6	14	14
12 Lincoln	11	3	2	1	10	7	1	0	4	4	8	14	14
13 Mansfield	10	2	2	2	6	5	2	0	2	6	5	14	12
14 Darlington	11	2	1	3	7	9	2	1	2	5	4	14	12
15 Exeter	11	4	1	1	7	5	0	1	4	1	8	14	8
16 Fulham	11	1	2	2	5	5	2	2	2	6	9	13	11
17 Gillingham	11	2	2	2	7	7	1	0	4	4	10	11	11
18 Hereford	11	1	2	3	4	7	1	2	2	7	10	10	11
19 Scarboro	11	1	0	4	5	8	2	1	3	6	11	10	11
20 Northmptn	10	1	1	1	4	4	0	5	2	6	8	9	10
21 Hartlepool	11	2	0	3	3	6	0	2	4	2	8	8	5
22 Wigan	11	0	1	4	4	11	1	0	5	7	14	4	11

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Rangers	8	3	0	1	7	3	2	1	1	7	4	16	+7
2 Celtic	8	2	2	0	5	2	2	2	0	6	3	16	+6
3 Hibernian	8	3	2	0	12	3	1	1	1	2	3	15	+8
4 Motherwell	8	1	3	0	8	6	1	2	1	5	5	11	+2
5 Hearts	8	2	0	1	6	2	1	1	3	4	9	10	-2
6 Dundee Utd	8	2	1	0	4	2	1	0	4	4	11	10	-5
7 Falkirk	8	2	1	1	5	5	0	2	2	6	9	9	-3
8 Aberdeen	8	1	3	0	8	6	0	2	2	4	6	8	0
9 Kilmarnock	8	1	1	2	3	5	0	2	2	1	6	6	-7
10 Partick	8	1	1	3	5	7	0	1	2	2	6	5	-6

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Dunfermline	8	4	0	0	9	0	1	3	0	6	5	18	+10
2 Airdrie	8	1	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	8	3	14	+7
3 Dundee	8	3	2	0	12	6	1	0	2	5	8	14	+3
4 Clydebank	8	3	1	1	10	8	0	1	2	2	5	11	+4
5 Raith	8	1	3	0	6	3	1	2	1	2	2	11	+3
6 St Mirren	8	1	1	1	4	4	0	4	1	5	7	8	-2
7 St Johnstn	8	0	2	1	2	3	1	3	1	5	7	8	-3
8 Hamilton	8	1	1	1	5	8	0	3	2	3	9	7	-9
9 Ayr	8	1	2	1	8	8	0	1	3	1	8	6	-7
10 Stranraer	8	1	2	1	3	3	0	0	4	1	7	5	-6

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Berwick	8	3	1	0	5	2	2	2	0	8	6	18	+5
2 Stirling	8	2	1	1	6	2	3	0	1	6	6	16	+4
3 G Morton	8	2	1	1	8	4	2	0	2	4	5	13	+3
4 Dumbarton	8	2	0	1	4	3	2	1	2	7	9	13	-1
5 East Fife	8	1	1	2	6	6	2	2	0	5	2	12	+3
6 Stenhsmuir	8	2	3	0	6	2	0	1	2	3	7	10	0
7 Clyde	8	1	0	2	6	7	2	0	3	4	6	9	-3
8 Queen of S	8	1	0	3	5	7	1	1	2	1	4	7	-5
9 Meadowbnk	8	1	0	3	4	4	2	0	2	8	5	6	+3
10 Brechin	8	0	1	4	5	12	1	1	1	9	3	5	-7

	P	Home W	D	L	F	A	Away W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Forfar	8	3	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	5	7	16	+1
2 East Stirling	8	3	1	0	12	5	1	2	1	7	7	15	+7
3 Montrose	8	2	1	1	5	3	2	1	1	8	4	14	+6
4 Caledonian T	8	2	1	1	2	11	13	2	1	0	5	2	14	+1
5 Cowdenbth	8	1	1	2	8	8	3	0	1	10	4	13	+6
6 Alloa	8	1	2	1	6	6	2	1	1	12	7	12	+5
7 Queen's Pk	8	2	0	2	6	7	1	2	1	8	5	11	+2
8 Ross Co	8	0	1	2	5	10	2	1	2	7	6	8	-4
9 Arbroath	8	0	1	2	1	5	2	0	3	11	16	7	-9
10 Albion	8	0	0	5	5	15	0	1	2	2	7	1	-15

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	2	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	1½	1½	3	1½	2½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	2½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 20½pts. The dividend forecast is good. There were seven jackpot draws, six high-score draws, four no-score draws and one void match.

Plymouth earn the praise of Shilton in defeat

Oxford United 1
Plymouth Argyle 0

BY PAT GIBSON

WHATEVER the chairman of Plymouth Argyle thinks about him, and that is not very much, Peter Shilton seems to have retained the backing of the people who ought to matter the most at any football club, the players and the supporters.

His makeshift side was not quite good enough to prevent Oxford United from climbing back alongside Huddersfield Town at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division but it was not for want of trying or lack of vocal encouragement.

Shilton was suitably grateful at the end of a week in which his chairman, Dan McCauley, had humiliated him in a tabloid newspaper. For reasons best known to himself, McCauley revealed that Shilton had cash-flow problems which apparently made the public sector borrowing requirement seem like loose change and alleged that he worked only eight hours a week.

Quite apart from the fact that it would be impossible for a Plymouth manager to work such short hours unless they played Bristol Rovers in every other match, it was an untimely outburst just when Shilton was pulling things round after a wretched start to the season which saw them concede 25 goals in their first eight matches.

To make matters worse, he then pulled a hamstring in training to leave himself with only 13 fit players including James Dungey, a 16-year-old goalkeeper who played for England Schoolboys last year and found himself deputising on the substitutes' bench for England's most capped player.

In the circumstances, they did Shilton proud. Oxford, beaten only once in the league this season, are a powerful side and when Moody flicked on a corner for Byrne to head them in front after 8 minutes Plymouth might have buckled. That they did not was a tribute to their commitment and some excellent saves by Alan Nichols, the England under-21 goalkeeper who admits that he only joined Plymouth ahead of several bigger clubs because he wanted to work with Shilton.

"I could not have asked for any more from the players," Shilton said afterwards. "We were playing the second team in the league on their own pitch with at least five first-team players out and I thought we gave everything we could possibly give. I also thought our supporters were superb and it would have been nice to reward them with a goal or two. That was the only thing that was lacking."

Now there is talk of a demonstration in support of the manager before Plymouth's home game against Wycombe Wanderers next Saturday, although Shilton denied any knowledge of it.

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — K Robinson, M Elkot, M Ford, A Regan — S Massey, D Smith, A Dyer, C Allen (sub: M Lewis, 85 mins) — P Moody (sub: D Rush, 59). J Byrne

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-3-3): A Nichols — M Patterson (sub: M Edworthy, 53), A Corbyn, D Naylor — M Barlow, W Burnett (sub: K Nugent, 78), J Morgan — C Skinner, R Landon, C Twiddy.

Referee: P Wright.

Irish eyes still smiling on the canny but charming Geordie

Jack of all trades and master of one



Jack Charlton: 'I was gloomy during the World Cup. Usually I'm laid-back, but I finished up shouting at people.' Photographs: James Morgan



Robert Crampton discovers the appeal of the Ireland manager is as strong as ever in Dublin

I had never met Jack Charlton, football manager, author, raconteur, world famous Geordie angler, until last week in Dublin. But within 60 seconds, he was chatting away like we had been down the pit together back in Ashington: fishing stories, football stories, cruciate ligament stories, rolling-up-his-trouser-leg-to-show-me-his-scar-type stories, not behaving like an Englishman at all — behaving much more like ... well, much more like an Irishman: friendly, gregarious, indiscreet, which is why real Irishmen love him and why, in his native country, he has just been voted the person other people would most like as their next-door neighbour.

We were in Ireland for the launch of *Jack Charlton's American World Cup Diary*. The diarist was having a crafty fag before Dublin's media folk arrived. "It's me first for two yeaz. I just fancied one like, y'knaa? I don't smuurk really, like. It's bad in't it? For the kids an' that." We then talked about kamogie, the female version of hurling, about how violent it can be. The woman doing the catering chipped in: "I used to play kamogie." There was a pause. "Is that how you got yer nurz bruurken like, then?" The woman was plain, but her nose was perfectly intact, and she was a little flustered, while everyone else was appalled. "Urnly jurkin," said the big fella. Smiles all round.

Never mind World Cup diaries, Jack Charlton should have his own strip in *Viz*: the man is a natural comic. Big Jack, he just can't get the sack, they could call it. Jack Charlton is the immortal, unchanging, uncompromising, utterly archetypal football manager and, with that accent, and his canny-but-candid Geordie manner, Big Jack, the cartoon, could not fail. He has that natural charm and that winning smile which means he can get away with pretty much anything, including what in others would be considered breathtaking rudeness. And he is transparently decent and as straight as a touchline.

As Feargal Tobin, his editor, later told me: "He's a very honest man, he's sort of conventionally well brought up. He's not a taker, and he could so easily be a taker in situations where people wouldn't notice and nobody would mind." But Charlton is nobody's fool, either. A fan said: "You should charge for all this signing Jack." "Oh aye, I do," Jack said, in that voice that comes along with a sort of verbal wink.

The press began to drift in, and Charlton and Peter Byrne, the *Irish Times* football journalist who wrote up the big man's Floridian thoughts, did their stuff. Byrne gave it plenty blarney, "de joy and de anguish, de tears an' de laughter" etc, but Jack was much more down-beat, admitting he was "a bit uptight" in America. "I was gloomy during this World Cup. Usually I'm laid-back, but I finished up shouting at people, telling them to boogah off. Not like me, y'knaa? People say to me, you did great in the World Cup and I say we didn't ... we could have done better."

Perhaps for Charlton, as for his small band of critics, the novelty of mere qualification has worn off, and he thinks his team ought to have progressed beyond the last 16. If

so, his frustration shows in the book, which reads, especially after he has finally landed in the States on page 151, as a litany of complaint: the weather, Fifa, referees, water bags, the media, his team's finishing, unwelcome callers.

Even before America, Charlton was not pleased. He doesn't much like the Football Association (of England), Albanian hospitality, drawing Latvia and Lithuania in the qualifiers ("I don't even know where these bloody places are on the map"), or centre halves who are good on the ball. But then that's just Big Jack speaking his mind, and most of us don't much like Fifa, referees or the FA, either.

And Jack remembers his manners, too. In his speech,

> 'He will not, he said, be around for the next World Cup, but I would not bank on it'

he thanked his players for all their efforts in the heat and humidity, and finished "but we do our best, to bring credit to the people and to the country we represent". Such words sound a little clichéd written down, but Charlton delivered them with such plain sincerity, that his hosts' prolonged appreciation was warm and genuine. Such sentiments matter, and may-be they matter more to the Irish than most.

Jack said later that he had looked at a finished copy of the book on the plane from Newcastle. He had read the first third, skipped through the rest, and enjoyed the pictures. Most readers, I suspect, will do exactly the same.

I read it all, and the truth is, it is not a very good book. *Jack Charlton's American World Cup Diary* belongs firmly to the pre-Nick Hornby era of football book, all hamstrings and "it'll be hard on the lad" and so forth. One example: on page 20 we hear Jack admiring Roy Keane, his hard-running midfield player: "The thing I admire about him most is his engine." True enough. Then, on page 74, we are told that Keane has "one of the best engines I've ever seen in a young player." Yes indeed, so accurate, perhaps, that it bears the repetition. And on page 142, Jack thinks that "the thing that sets him [Roy Keane] apart from others of his age is his phenomenal engine," by which time those of us still hanging in there will agree that yes, Jack, you're spot-on, young Keane has got an absolutely first-class, tick-tock 7-series engine.

Not that the prose style will interfere with the sales. Charlton and Byrne's previous collaboration, after Italia '90, sold 58,000 copies, almost all of them in Ireland, which, in that country, means it was a monster best seller. This one will probably sell just as many. Charlton's popularity is undiminished in Ireland, if his reception last week is any guide. What do you think of Jack Charlton? I kept asking people. "God," they kept replying, "same initials."

He has become almost as ubiquitous. "I do a lot of dinners, a lot of appearances, a lot of openings, and a lot of cluursings, and a lot of journalism, all sorts of things, a lot of advertising, a lot of voice-overs." What voice-overs does he do? "Whatever I'm asked to do. I've got a very distinctive voice."

Eight years into his reign and there are now more soccer clubs in Kerry than there are Gaelic football clubs; the Football Association of Ireland must be pleased, and generous. Charlton has four homes: in Newcastle, the Yorkshire Dales, Co Mayo and the Costa Blanca. "Nothing outrageous. Fishing gear in every one." He was off that night to do a dinner in Manchester at short notice.

"Other blurke pulled out. Chelsea ... what's his name?" Hoddle? "Nah. Minister ..." David Mellor? "Aye, Mellor." The next day he was appearing in Newcastle. "Opening a hurme. A hostel or a hurme or something like that. Find out when I get there." He will not, he said, be around for the next World Cup, but I wouldn't bank on it.

Jack Charlton's American World Cup Diary is published on Friday by Sidgwick and Jackson (£8.99).

Nicholl's arrival improves Walsall's fortunes

Walsall 4
Scarborough 1

BY DAVID POWELL

AT Everton and Tottenham Hotspur the forbearance is refreshing. Mike Walker and Osvaldo Ardiles are still in work and the FA Carling Premiership has yet to witness its first dismissal of a manager this season. If it is sackings you are interested in, follow the Endsleigh Insurance League third division.

Six of the bottom division's 22 clubs have sacked their manager since the end of last season. Two of them, Walsall and Scarborough, met on Saturday and the match went to form. Walsall are enjoying a fresh start but Scarborough are worse off than they were before they dismissed Steve Wicks. At least, that is how it looks by the league table: John Russell, the chairman, thinks otherwise because he has Billy Ayre as his manager now. "Billy is an old-fashioned pro with experience and honesty," Russell said.

"The problem with a lot of managers is that they want to make changes and spend money." Ayre may want to but knows he cannot, not much anyway. "We have a tight budget," Russell added. "Steve was a nice lad but we ended up with a colossal number of players and some of the signings we had made, and were due to make, were not up to standard." The squad of 23 professionals has put Scarborough's wage bill £150,000 over budget. Russell is banking on Ayre's solid record in the lower divisions to see them to a respectable position this season before the squad is restructured.

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In four years under Kenny Hibbitt, Walsall failed to gain promotion. "Unless you win promotion you are unsuccessful, so I felt it time to change," Jeff Bonser, the Walsall chairman, said.

Walsall are on a firm financial footing, with a smart new ground and no need to sell players. Bonser thinks Walsall do not belong in the third division. "This club desperately needs promotion," he said. Desperate needs can prompt desperate measures but, so far, the change in manager looks astute.

There can be no telling Walsall they acted hastily in removing Hibbitt in the first month of the season because their new manager, Chris Nicholl, has started with nine points from three games. Penalties by Martin O'Connor, five minutes from the beginning and the end, and goals in between by Stuart Ryder and Scott Houghton took Walsall to fifth place. Jason White, with the game's best goal, equalised for Scarborough in the 21st minute before Walsall scored three times in the second half.

WALSALL (4-4-2): T Wood — S Ryder, C Palmer, S Watkiss (sub: D Rogers, 46min), C Gibson — W Evans (sub: M Butler, 71), D McNew, M O'Connor, S Houghton — K Lightbourne, A Wilson.

SCARBOROUGH (4-3-3): G Keith — D Knowles (sub: A Toman, 83), G Swann, D Davis, S Thomason — S Swales, D D'Auria, S Young — J White, P Rutherford (sub: R Rowe, 83), M Calvert.

Referee: E Wolstenholme.

Landlords eliminate tenants

Cinderford Town 0
Gloucester City 2

BY WALTER GAMMIE

INTO the pot for a flavourful FA Cup third qualifying round tie — effectively the regional final of one of 36 pre-drawn groups — at Meadow Park on Saturday went not just the tangle of shifting allegiances between individuals representing clubs 12 miles apart but also the confusion of shared home advantage.

The landlords, Gloucester, the away club for the day, took charge of operations: manning the turnstiles, producing the programme, occupying the home dressing-room. The tenants, Cinderford, of the Hellenic League, duly took the field and went out to their Beazer Homes League premier division betters.

An air of superiority was natural. Gloucester have the kind of ambitions — "a question-of-when-not-if" Football League status — that would seem laughably grandiose were it not for the swiftness with which Keith Gardner, the club's owner since January, has set about laying the foundations for achieving them.

Gardner, a 41-year-old businessman, bought 16 acres of adjacent land, built bars, function-rooms and a skittles alley, brought in 21 sponsors and seven new directors, clinched a £90,000 three-year shirt deal with a car dealer and plans to raise £80,000 in a share issue. "We'd meet our bills and pay the wages if there wasn't one single spectator coming through the turnstiles," he said.

The club passed Vauxhall Conference grading last Thursday, modifications to the perimeter fence aside. Gardner now plans to develop a two-tier stand, complete with executive boxes, cover terracing behind the goals and build a sports complex and floodlit Astroturf pitch.

Blown away in this whirlwind was Brian Godfrey, the previous manager. "It was a board decision, not mine," Gardner said. In his replacement, John Murphy (ex-Cinderford player), previously at Trowbridge, Gardner says he has "a manager for life".

By a twist of fate, Godfrey returned on Saturday helping the Cinderford manager, Tim Harris (ex-Gloucester City assistant manager). Godfrey has the FA Cup pulsing in every vein. As a player he had helped Preston North End to reach the 1964 final but was not selected. As a manager, he took Exeter City to a quarter-final against Tottenham Hotspur in 1981 and Gloucester to within a replay win of a third-round tie against Queens Park Rangers in 1990 — their best run.

A furious finger-wagging exchange with Bob Baird, Murphy's assistant, over Godfrey's alleged role in a linesman's summons to the referee that brought a sending-off for Mick Shearer, of Gloucester, for stamping proved the flame still burns strong.



Coles: timely save

Shearer's dismissal, just before half-time, helped to ease the pressure Gloucester exerted around a 37th-minute goal by Hallam. Cinderford saw Goodwin head wide and Hill brilliantly denied at close range by Coles, the former Yeovil goalkeeper, but Gloucester defended securely. In injury time, Mitchell dribbled along the six-yard line, forced a gap and fired a flattering second goal.

Cinderford at least have the consolation that their next home fixture is back at their base in the Forest of Dean. Their Causeway ground is ready for use again next month after the levelling of an 18ft corner-to-corner slope: ready for the push to stage Beazer Homes League football that motivates Ashley Saunders, their chairman, and his vice-chairman, Ray Reed.

CINDERFORD TOWN (1-4-3-2): R Bowles — C Boxall (sub: R Clutterbuck, 81min) — D Powell, G Howells, P Wilband, R Criddle — J Hamilton, D Hill (sub: R King, 70), B Thomas — A Goodwin, C Hyde

GLOUCESTER CITY (4-5-1): D Coles — A Bird, M Kilgour, G Kemp, K Willetts — K Knight, R Boden, M Shearer, D Mitchell, A Harris (sub: S Lester, 73) — M Hallam.

Referee: R Hallam.

Hibs profit from innocence

Young people today, as any grouch will tell you, cause nothing but trouble. The madcap ways of adolescents, by accident and design, shaped Hibernian's 2-1 victory over Rangers in a quirky match at Easter Road on Saturday. Teenage kicks, as the Undertones tunefully termed them, come in no more intense form than a winner against Scotland's league champions.

The 18-year-old Kevin Harper delivered it, eight minutes from the end, when a startling leap lifted his 5ft 6in frame above sluggish Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, to glance Michael O'Neill's corner into the net. It is the sort of goal players no longer score when they grow up and grudgingly begin to accept their own limits.

If Alex Miller, the Hibernian manager, basked in the rewards of gaucheness on Saturday, his opposite number, Walter Smith, was recognising just how costly innocence can be.

Rangers had led through an early goal from Basile Boli, who was sent off in the 88th minute after a second booking, and only conceded an equaliser at the very start of the second half because of the callowness of their own 18-year-old.

Craig Moore, an Australian, has shown precocious composure ever since he decided, a year ago, that he would switch hemispheres and attempt to become a professional footballer in Glasgow. His application has scarcely wavered.

Moore is an exciting prospect, but only time can cure a person of being 18. His inexperience was apparent when he dawdled at the far post waiting for O'Neill's free-kick to arrive, never suspecting that Gordon Hunter was rushing in from the blind side to reach the ball before him and score.

The Australian's naivety was not even supposed to be put at such risk. Rangers have preferred to use him in a wide midfield role, where errors are exasperating rather than ruinous, and only moved Moore to his natural right-back position on Saturday when the loss before the interval of two injured centre halves, Richard Gough and Dave McPherson, led to the re-drafting of the entire defence.

Managers always have reservations about youth. In choosing to field a teenager they are dabbling in uncertainty. With his speed and directness, Harper is probably a cult in the making, but Miller, a polite man, is reticent to the point of churlishness when asked about the prodigy.

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

He would prefer to discuss the long-term injury to Keith Wright which gave Harper his chance.

In any case, the newcomer will not go short of applause from others. At Easter Road a supporter, only a few years younger than Harper, was to be seen wearing a replica jersey with the hero's name and number. For his part, Miller is a little rueful that the call-up of a youth is a necessity rather than a choice.

He almost spluttered when invited to sympathise with Rangers, who were reduced to playing a striker, Mark Hateley, at centre back in the second half. After all, when Hibernian are short of players it is simply regarded as business as usual. In any case, Smith has chosen to remove some layers of cover from his squad.

He knows that a few spotty complexions must be introduced before the face of Rangers can be changed. Apart from Moore, Saturday's team also included an impish 18-year-old midfield player, Charlie Miller. Experienced men have been pushed aside to give youth its chance: Ian Durrant is on loan to Everton and Gary Stevens has now agreed terms with Tranmere Rovers.

Smith must accept the dangers for a Rangers team which remains at the top of the table, but he will be far less phlegmatic about Boli. He continually slides in with impulsive challenges and ought to have been sent off for a really foul foul on Harper before his final offence, against O'Neill.

ED BYRNE



Dettori pushes Presenting to a clear-cut victory in the Anglo African Holdings Autumn Stakes over a mile at Ascot on Saturday

Akehurst sights lucrative double

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE cast-offs which have helped provide Reg Akehurst with the finest season of his training career face their ultimate test this week — on both sides of the Atlantic.

Admiral's Well, discarded from John Gosden's Maktoum-supported yard in Newmarket, is a hot favourite for the Cesarewitch on Saturday and 24 hours later Urgent Request, once with Barry Hills, will represent the skilful Epsom trainer in the Rothmans International at Woodbine, in Canada.

The performance of those two represents the tip of the iceberg this year for Akehurst, who possesses the uncanny knack of transforming equine geese into swans. Put him in charge of the Reject Shop for a couple of months and it would be renamed Harrods.

At Ascot on Saturday, Aljazzaf became the latest example of his prowess. The four-year-old was bought out of Clive Brittain's yard in August and, after a race on unsuitably soft ground at Newbury last month, the Mtoto colt turned a £17,000 handicap into a procession. As usual, he justified the hefty bets which saw him go off as favourite.

The Aljazzaf plot was as familiar as any Whitehall farce. Earlier this summer Face North, formerly with Albert Davison, won both the Victoria Cup and the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot. Admiral's Well captured a competitive Kempton handicap before taking the prestigious Brown Jack Handicap. Then there was Knowth, formerly in Ireland, who won the valuable Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy at Sandown.

Meanwhile, Urgent Request, landed an enormous gamble in the Northern Dancer Handicap at Epsom before beating Cezanne, the subsequent Irish Champion Stakes winner, in a group three race at Haydock in August.

Akehurst was 65 this summer and it is difficult to know who would be happier to see him take his old age pension: the bookmakers who have had to pay out millions on his well backed winners, or his training contemporaries who are made to look foolish. "I can sympathise with the trainers a lot," he said. "The Arab owners decide a horse is no more than a handicapper and they don't want them. I do feel sorry for them, but on the other hand in most cases the horses they lose will be replaced with really nice horses sent by the Arabs."

Although Flat horses are supposed to be at their best at three, when they can run in the Guineas or the Derby and Oaks, Akehurst believes there are many who do not mature fully until they are four. In addition, he knows the disadvantages as well as the advantages of Newmarket.

"Newmarket has got the best gallops in the world but I think horses do get a bit jaded there with those long straights they have to work on. At Epsom they find it easier and more relaxing. There are no big strings of horses and it suits many of them. They wander through the trees and they see Epsom racecourse every day and gradually get used to it. It has certainly suited Aljazzaf: he has been very relaxed with us."

Looking ahead to this weekend, he is hopeful about the chances of Admiral's Well, provided the ground at Newmarket remains good or faster. "With a lot of the other horses dropping out it is beginning to look good for him."

The nearest Akehurst came to retiring was more than a decade ago after a depressing spell at Lambourn, after which he took a year off to play golf. Sheila, his hard-working wife, eventually confiscated his clubs and they returned to Epsom. "At 65 you think about retirement but I have got a yard full of horses and I am getting better horses. It makes retirement very difficult."

The collective groan of the gentlemen with satchels will be heard all over Britain, and possibly from farther afield this week.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DOON RIDGE
(1.50 Carlisle)
Next best: Congregation
(2.40 Fontwell Park)

Richard Evans completed a near 10-1 double on Saturday with his 11-2 nap, Musical Trend, and Fortune's Girl

No shortage of advice on age-old problem

Am I being even slower than normal on the uptake? Is someone trying to tell me that my best days are nothing more than a hazy memory? To be frank, am I past it?

Before you consider sending a membership form for Paranoiacs Anonymous, perhaps I should explain. On returning from Paris, following an Arc weekend spent in relentless pursuit of the truth and establishments awarded three rosettes by Michelin, a rather smart invitation requested my presence at a private viewing with refreshments. Another stable open day, I thought, although the English Courtyard Association, which was doing the inviting, rang no bells. Perhaps Martin Pipe had decided to rename Pond House.

All was revealed after glancing at the accompanying literature. Instead of reading details about National Hunt types, a series of pictures extolled the virtues of a rural idyll, Stanford In The Vale in Oxfordshire, and within it, Penstones Court.

"Very special cottages that offer you a great deal — peace, independence and security in retirement — and an exceptional way of life in the heart of village England," the blurb said. If there was any uncertainty left in my mind, it was soon removed. The English Courtyard sales pitch continued: "From early retirement onwards . . . you know what you want when you retire . . ."

Now, as you will see from the photograph wedged in between these words, I might have difficulty qualifying for a Club 18-30 holiday. But the days of a free bus pass, enjoyed by some of my press room colleagues, are surely a few years away.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

Even so, a nagging doubt remained. The following morning the worm turned. A reader called Alex, from Surbiton, wrote giving me the benefit of his views on my naps. "Having followed your tips over the last year," he began, "I think that I may have passed on my notorious bad luck to your prognostications.

"I think that your luck may improve if I cease to follow your tips, and perhaps my luck may improve as well. A small consultation fee (say £100), payable to me, as above, will stop me from placing money on your advices and hence improve your chances. I look forward hearing from you. PS: Sorry about the writing, bad arthritis in right hand."

Leaving aside the not inconsequential fact that the naps this Flat season are showing a profit, albeit a meagre one equivalent to the current rate of interest available from most building societies, Alex had hit a raw nerve — until I suddenly put two and two together.

Prognostications, consultation fee, arthritis, peace, independence and security when you retire. There were too many similarities. Alex and English Courtyard are clearly in cahoots. If not, they deserve to be.

I shall consider their respective advice while preparing later this week to leave for Australia and the Melbourne Cup, which Vintage Crop will win, finishing just ahead of Quick Ransom. Remember, Alex, you read it here first.

Celtic Swing asserts Derby ambitions

By Richard Evans

ALTHOUGH rumours of outstanding home work and classic aspirations had leaked out from Sussex, no-one was prepared for the record-breaking performance of Celtic Swing at Ascot on Saturday which catapulted the Lady Herries-trained colt to favouritism for next year's Derby.

Looking magnificent in the parade ring before the Hyperion Conditions Stakes, the imposing son of Damister produced a devastating performance as he quickened away inside the final two furlongs to finish eight lengths ahead of the useful Singspiel. The third, Winners Choice, was a further ten lengths away.

The value of the form was underlined by the time of the race. On a day when the going was not conducive to particularly fast times, Celtic Swing broke the seven-furlong record for two-year-olds, which had stood since 1984. "And he was only dawdling," Lady Herries said.

Peter Savill was equally ecstatic. "I felt he was probably the best horse I have owned, even before he ran first time at Ayr. Nothing of any age can get him off the bit at home."

Savill, who has had horses in training since 1977 and at present numbers around 50 carrying his silks, was alerted to the horse's potential in the spring by Kevin Darley, his retained jockey. Riding another of Lady Herries's horses on the trainer's gallops, he cantered upsides Celtic Swing and immediately declared him to be the nicest two-year-old he had seen. Savill stepped in to buy him and the ill-fated Opaline, both of whom were bred by Lady Herries's mother, Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk.

After winning at Ayr on his debut, where Chilly Billy, the subsequent Gimcrack Stakes winner, was third, Savill backed him to win next year's Derby at 250-1 with Victor Chandler. Backers seeking to jump on the Celtic Swing bandwagon will have to accept a much reduced price. The big three bookmakers make the colt their new Derby favourite, with Ladbrokes offering 12-1, William Hill 14-1 (after the post-race 20-1 on Saturday was snapped up) and Corals 16-1.

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"I have always loved him. He is such a laid back character and has a wonderful temperament," Lady Herries recalled yesterday. "He is no bother: he is just there, you hardly notice him he is so quiet. When he started to work he was a bit special, he did everything so effortlessly. He is impressive at home but you can only tell on the racecourse if he has another gear. He has."

Eltish, the Royal Lodge Stakes winner, was yesterday installed as 13-8 favourite with Corals to win the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on Friday. Pennekamp, the André Fabre-trained winner of the Prix de la Salamandre, is next best at 3-1. The company then bets: 5-1 Fard and Stiletto Blade, 10-1 Green Perfume, 12-1 Juyush, 16-1 Takkatamm and Al Widyan, 200-1 Korambi.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
1.50 Glenugie. 2.20 Irish Flasher. 2.50 Unguided Missile. 3.20 Charming Gale. 3.50 Glandalane Lady. 4.20 Atherton Green. 4.50 Sigma Run.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.50 GLENCATHRA JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,928: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 1 DOON RIDGE 19 (G) J J O'Neill 11-6 M Dwyer
2 31 GLENUGIE 27 (D,F) G Moore 11-6 N Bentley
3 1 MOKAITE 16 (CD,F) Mrs M Kendall 11-1 Mrs M Kendall
4 F MAGNETIC REEL 18 J Berry 11-0 N Doughty
5 2 NASHVILLE STAR 19 (V) Mrs M Reveley 11-0 P Niven
6 23 QUICK DECISION 27 J Cresswell 11-0 W McFarland
7 RED EIKON G Holmes 11-0 R Marley
8 GOOD EVANS 112F C Booth 10-9 R Garritty
9 0 POT LEEK LADY 12 Mrs A Swinbank 10-9 J K McCarthy (7)
10 RED MARCH HARE 44F D Moffatt 10-9 D J Moffatt (3)

2-1 Doon Ridge, 5-2 Nashville Star, 3-1 Glenugie, 8-1 Mokaite, 10-1 Magnetic Reel, 12-1 Quick Decision, 20-1 others.

2.20 LANGDALE PIKE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,944: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 6-0 PALACEGATE SUNSET 16 (V) J Berry 4-11-1 N Doughty
2 -135 SOUSON 16 (B,D,F) J Wade 6-11-0 K Jones
3 4-41 IRISH FLASHER 30 (V,D,F) J Jefferson 7-10-12 M Newton (7)
4 -3F0 STAGS FELL 12 (F,G) G Moore 9-10-12 S Lyons (5)
5 VICARAGE LASS J J O'Neill 5-10-11 A Roche (5)
6 -630 SAOIRSE 27 (F,S) J Bmatt 6-10-7 L O'Hara
7 0F-5 LA DOUTELLE 19 Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-6 A Watt (7)

6-4 Irish Flasher, 11-4 Souson, 5-1 Stags Fell, 8-1 Vicarage Lass, 10-1 Palacegate Sunset, Saoirse, 16-1 La Doutelle.

2.50 OLD MAN OF CONISTON NOVICES CHASE
(£3,002: 3m) (9)

1 F-31 THE LIGHTER SIDE 16 (B,F,G) C Cowley 8-11-6 Judy Davies (7)
2 U24- BRIGADIER DAVIS 159 T Tate 7-11-0 R Garritty
3 555- KILCOLGAN 168 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-11-0 B Storey
4 P-P0 LE TOAD 12 (G) S Clark 9-11-0 Miss R Clark (7)
5 -0P0 ROYAL QUARRY 10 (B) J Goulding 8-11-0 N Smith
6 033- SQUIRES PRIVILEGE 198 J J O'Neill 6-11-0 M Dwyer
7 PP/ TOP MOUNT 587 J Hellens 7-11-0 T Reed
8 523- UNGUIDED MISSILE 213 G Richards 6-11-0 A Dobbin
9 61-3 NELLIE BELLE 12 (G) R Fahey 7-10-9 P Niven

5-4 Unguided Missile, 11-4 Squires Privilege, 7-2 Brigadier Davis, 6-1 The Lighter Side, 12-1 Nellie Belle, 20-1 Royal Quarry, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Jefferson, 11 winners from 33 runners, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 12 from 48, 25.0%; J Edwards, 4 from 16, 25.0%; Mrs J Goodfellow, 3 from 12, 25.0%; T Tate, 4 from 17, 23.5%.
JOCKEYS: P Niven, 24 winners from 91 rides, 26.4%; N Bentley, 5 from 19, 26.3%; M Dwyer, 16 from 71, 22.5%; N Doughty, 21 from 95, 22.1%; S Lyons, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

3.20 LIBRA GRAVURE CYLINDERS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,623: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 23-P JESTERS PROSPECT 18 (CD,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 10-11-10 B Storey
2 0P-F STEPFASTER 5 (D,F,G) Mrs L Siddall 9-11-7 A Thornton
3 -125 CHARMING GALE 18 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-5 R Murphy (7)
4 P20- SUPPOSIN 177 (S) (B) Mrs S Smith 6-11-4 Richard Guest
5 44F- CARDENDEN 303 J Barclay 6-10-0 A Roche (5)

6-4 Charming Gale, 9-4 Jesters Prospect, 4-1 Supposin, 5-1 Stepfaster, 10-1 Cardenden.

3.50 LIBRA GRAVURE CYLINDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,144: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 3/4 MONARU 10 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 G Lee (7)
2 312- MAJORITY MAJOR 138 (G) P Cheesbrough 5-11-9 K Johnson
3 1121 GLANDALANE LADY 10 (D,F,G) J J O'Neill 5-10-13 R McGrath (7)
4 5F4- WHITE DIAMOND 164 (CD,F,S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-4 P Niven
5 0-01 PALM HOUSE 9 (B,F,G,S) G Moore 9-10-0 N Bentley

6-4 Glandalane Lady, 2-1 Monaru, 7-2 Majority Major, 5-1 Palm House, 25-1 White Diamond.

4.20 HELVELLYN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,219: 2m 1f) (7)

1 212- RED MARAUDER 285 (G,S) N Mason 4-11-10 J Supple (5)
2 413- COL BUCKMORE 138 (CD,F,G) G Richards 6-10-10 A Dobbin
3 6-85 MR REINER 12 (D,F,G,S) J Wade 6-10-10 D Ryan (7)
4 14P- WEST WITH THE WIND 307 (F,G) J Hellens 7-10-7 A Larnach (3)
5 0-F3 ATHERTON GREEN 30 (BF,G) J Glover 4-10-0 A S Smith
6 005- TRUMP 151 (C,G) C Parker 5-10-0 B Storey
7 -342 JIM'S WISH 16 (G) T Cuthbert 6-10-0 Carol Cuthbert

7-4 Atherton Green, 5-2 Col Buckmore, 7-2 Red Marauder, 10-1 Trump, Mr Reiner, 14-1 West With The Wind, 20-1 Jim's Wish.

4.50 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,434: 2m 1f) (22)

1 1 WILLS TELMAR 19 (F) J Johnson 6-11-13 S Taylor (7)
2 -21- SPARKY BAYLE 157 (G) C Parker 4-11-12 Mr A Parker
3 3- BROADWATER BOY 214 M Hammond 6-11-6 Mr C Bonner (7)
4 COOL JAMES M Barnes 5-11-6 G Cahill (7)
5 00- MY WARRIOR 205 J Edwards 6-11-6 D Bentley (3)
6 54- SIGMA RUN 187 J Edwards 5-11-6 R Davis
7 STEADY AWAY M Barnes 5-11-6 Miss Sue Nichol (7)
8 P-00 VALE OF YORK 10 S Clark 6-11-6 Miss R Clark (7)
9 3 ALICHARGER 19 Mrs D Thomson 4-11-5 R McGrath (7)
10 BLUE CHARM Mrs S Bradburne 4-11-5 R Murphy (7)
11 5 HAPPY RAMBLER 19 G Richards 4-11-5 B Harding (5)
12 KITTOCHSIDE LAD Mrs S Austin 4-11-5 E Husband (5)
13 4 LINLATHEN 19 R Fahey 4-11-5 K Davies (7)
14 MAGSLAD J J O'Neill 4-11-5 Mr C Rosier
15 MARKHAM LAD J Dooler 4-11-5 Mr L Donnelly (7)
16 THE GALLOPIN'MAJOR Mrs M Reveley 4-11-5 G Lee (7)
17 2- UNCLE KEENY 167 J J O'Neill 4-11-5 A Roche (5)
18 APOLLO'S DAUGHTER J Goulding 6-11-1 J Supple (5)
19 0 COUNTESS VICTORIA 10 Mrs S Smith 5-11-1 R Wilkinson (7)
20 COVERDALE DAWN Mrs S Smith 5-11-1 Mr P Murray (7)
21 0-0 MEADOWLECK 10 W Young 5-11-1 S Lyons (5)
22 0- SISTER ELLY 128 B Preece 4-11-0 Mr S Joynes (7)

3-1 Wills Telmar, 7-2 The Gallopin'major, 5-1 Sparky Bayle, 6-1 Broadwater Boy, 8-1 Uncle Keeny, Sigma Run, 12-1 Linlathen, 14-1 others.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Lady Lacey. 2.30 Move Smartly. 3.00 Evaporate. 3.30 GOLDEN ARROW (nap). 4.00 Great Crusader. 4.30 Shapely. 5.00 Triple Joy. 5.30 Trimming.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 *BILLIE GREY*.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Loving Legacy. 2.30 Billie Grey. 5.30 *TRIMMING* (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD LAST FIVE FURLONGS) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 SHELDUCK FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,574: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

101 (15) 0-25100 DON'T JUMP 6 (D,S) (Mr D Weston) S Gollings 4-10-0 P McCabe (5) 85
102 (10) 24-004 LOVING LEGACY 44 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 3-9-9 T Quinn 87
103 (4) 005420 TANSY 24 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 3-9-9 M Hills 96
104 (13) 301000 PIDERAPUTERI 66 (B,D,F) (A Shahi Mirza) G Kelleway 4-9-9 R Cochrane 90
105 (12) 452303 PETITE MAXINE 53 (B) (F Mattison) F Lee 3-9-8 T Ives 84
106 (14) 630601 ST MARTHA 7 (6,S) (M Keogh) M Tompkins 4-9-6 (6ex) P Robinson 89
107 (3) 6345 MAHBARAH 72 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-5 W Carson 89
108 (5) 4-20440 FORESHORE 124 (Mrs A Cappuccini) B Pearce 4-9-3 Stephen Davies (3) 88
109 (9) 554 VOLKOVA 93 (M Stoute) M Stoute 3-9-3 W R Swinburn 90
110 (11) 004003 LADY LACEY 9 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Perrin) G Balding 7-8-12 J Williams 93
111 (19) 235400 MATISSE 38 (J Galvanoni) J Bethell 3-8-12 L Dettori 90
112 (1) 503050 ZUNO NOELYN 10 (D,F) (Mrs L Fatah) G Lewis 3-8-11 A Lakeman (7) 95
113 (17) 0-460 FAIRLEAD 21 (W Fox-Pitt) K McAuliffe 4-8-11 J Tate (3) 97
114 (16) 006536 PHASE ONE 4 (BF) (Blackfield Racing) J Eyre 4-8-9 J Fortune 90
115 (20) 6/000-60 WELSH HERITAGE 224 (R Williams) R Price 4-8-9 R Price 89
116 (18) 023156 IMPRECISE 26 (D,F) (Duke of Roxburghe) M Johnston 3-8-8 J Weaver 93
117 (2) 536060 HEATHYARDS LADY 7 (D,F) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 3-8-8 W Ryan 92
118 (6) 130204 KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 12 (B,F) (P Cronin) J Parkes 4-8-8 M Dearing 94
119 (8) 5531-00 DUBALL REMY 72 (G) (D Balls) J Scargill 3-8-7 D Harrison 87
120 (7) 006056 QUEENS STROLLER 16 (G) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 3-8-6 W Newnes 85

BETTING: 6-1 Volkova, 7-1 Loving Legacy, Mahbarah, 8-1 Lady Lacey, 10-1 St Martha, 12-1 Don't Jump, Matisse, Petite Maxine, Tansy, 14-1 Imprecise, Phase One, Queens Stroller, 16-1 others.

1993: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

DON'T JUMP best effort this season when beating Lombard Ships 1¾l in 12-runner handicap at Carlisle (7f 214yd, soft). LOVING LEGACY 7¾l 4th of 14 to Rattlesnake in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). TANSY 2l 2nd of 5 to Telopea in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3l, good) on penultimate start. PETITE MAXINE 2l 3rd of 11 to Ashdren in handicap at Ayr (7f, good). ST MARTHA beat Jolto ½l in 20-runner rated stakes at Warwick (7f, soft). MAHBARAH 10l 5th of 6 to Persian Soldier in handicap at Thirsk (1m 4l, firm). LADY LACEY 3¾l 3rd of 12 to Rory in apprentices' handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to firm). PHASE ONE 1½l and neck 3rd of 14 to Sagebrush Roller in claimer at Newcastle (7f, good) on penultimate start, with KILNAMARTYRA GIRL (3lb better off) 5l 4th. IMPRECISE best effort when beating Collier Row short-head in 7-runner maiden rated stakes at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm).
Selection: LOVING LEGACY (nap)

2.30 BADGER LIMITED STAKES (£3,678: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

201 (18) 152000 MONTONE 17 (F,G,S) (B Welch) J L Harris 4-9-10 A Mackay 84
202 (17) 265641 KINTWYN 9 (D,G) (Mrs F Bacon) D Laing 4-9-6 S Whitworth 74
203 (12) 141650 SAKHAROV 12 (F,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 5-9-8 P Robinson 82
204 (5) 331203 BALLYRANTER 31 (V,D,F,G) (P Byrnes) H Collingridge 5-9-6 J Quinn 66
205 (13) 550050 GREAT HALL 17 (C,F,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 5-9-6 R Cochrane 93
206 (4) 212120 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 17 (B,F,G) (Miss M C-Smith) J Leigh 3-9-6 Dean McKeown 77
207 (2) 010600 LUCKNAM STYLE 31 (V,C,D,F,G) (I Douglas) Mrs B Waring 6-9-6 S Drowne (5) 74
208 (16) 545254 MOVE SMARTLY 10 (B,D,F) (P Clinton) F Lee 4-9-6 T Ives 86
209 (8) 421000 PRINCE SONGLINE 58 (F,G) (K Sturgis) R Boss 4-9-6 L Dettori 77
210 (14) 0-05500 BENTICO 39 (B,F,G) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-4 J Weaver 88
211 (6) 644002 BOLD ACRE 12 (D,S) (Mrs M Morgan) D Burchell 4-9-4 R Price 91
212 (15) /0/606/ HAWWAM 844J (D,F,S) (North West Racing Club) E Alston 8-9-4 J Fortune –
213 (10) 655146 BAYOU 17 (F) (Mrs A Lyons) C Booth 3-9-2 A Culhane 80
214 (7) 430061 MR ROUGH 10 (CD,F) (R Akehurst) D Morris 3-9-2 Stephen Davies (3) 82
215 (19) 540050 HIGHFIELD LAD 14 (V,F) (Mrs P Taylor-Garthwaite) C Fairhurst 3-9-0 J Fanning 77
216 (20) 523100 HIGH TYPHA 10 (F) (T Cunningham) R Hannon 3-8-11 R Hughes 90
217 (3) 002351 SHARPENING 14 (G,S) (J Wigan) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11 D Harrison 90
218 (5) 0-40000 ARZINA 7 (V,BF,S) (Miss M Gibbon) P Calver 3-8-9 G Hind 89
219 (1) 604062 BILLIE GREY 13 (G) (R Dalton) J Scargill 3-8-9 J Williams [illegible]
220 (11) 0-05000 REGINA ALICIA 139 (Mrs A Cappuccini) B Pearce 3-8-9 – 62

BETTING: 9-2 Sharpening, 6-1 Billie Grey, 7-1 Kintwyn, 8-1 Move Smartly, Mr Rough, 10-1 Ballyranter, Bold Acre, 12-1 Bentico, Johnnie The Joker, 14-1 Arzina, Montone, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

KINTWYN beat Rockstone ½l in 13-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). SAKHAROV about 5½l 5th of 15 to Band On The Run in handicap at Haydock (7f, good) on penultimate start. BALLYRANTER 4¾l 3rd of 19 to Douce Maison in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good), with SHARPENING (7lb better off) about 2l 5th and LUCKNAM STYLE (10lb worse off) about 17l 12th. BOLD ACRE ¾l 2nd of 15 to Bahrain Star in rated stakes at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to soft). MR ROUGH beat King Parrot ½l in 23-runner claiming handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm), with MOVE SMARTLY (5lb better off) two short-heads 4th and HIGH TYPHA (14lb better off) about 5l 10th. BILLIE GREY ½l 2nd of 12 to Admiralella in rated stakes at Brighton (1m, good).
Selection: BOLD ACRE

3.00 STOAT SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,858: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

301 (16) 005500 FUTURISTIC BRENT 13 (F) (D Barker) G Lewis 9-1 Paul Eddery 99
302 (19) 050510 GIGFY 13 (B,G) (Mrs D Wanstall) W Muir 9-1 D Harrison 97
303 (2) 0 BALLESWHIDDEN 12 (R Warren) B Smart 8-11 W Newnes –
304 (1) 00 FREEZE 34 (H Steckmest) W Jarvis 8-11 M Tebbutt –
305 (17) 00000 KENNEDY'S GOLD 10 (A Roberts) B Palling 8-11 T Sprake –
306 (18) 00000 MY HANDSOME PRINCE 34 (D Holmes) P Stoan 8-11 D Denby (7) –
307 (4) 050506 SLYTLY BEVELED 10 (Trojan Racing) M Muggeridge 8-11 T G McLaughlin (5) 89
308 (12) 00 TRIBAL PEACE 25 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 8-11 J Stack (5) 92
309 (6) 6800 TUMBLEWEED COTTAGE 44 (Tumbleweed Pbrs) B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle 97
310 (14) 0006 VINDALOO 21 (J Abell) M Johnston 8-11 J Weaver 91
311 (15) CALLING JAMAICA (C Wright) P Cole 8-6 T Quinn –
312 (12) 0 DAZZLE ME 27 (Mrs S Robins) R Baker 8-6 S Raymont –
313 (5) 0040 EVAPORATE 51 (Western Solvents Ltd) A Foster 8-6 Stephen Davies (3) 97
314 (8) GRIFFIN'S GIRL (P Jackson) P Head 8-6 J Tate (3) –
315 (9) 002000 KEELBY KATE 26 (T Marshall) A Ports 8-6 N Adams 85
316 (3) 5840 PREZZEMOLA 17 (Mrs C Spencer) D Morley 8-6 R Hills 84
317 (10) 00000 SHANGHAI LIL 13 (B) (The Turf Club) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6 Pat Eddery 85
318 (11) 00 TIGANA 44 (Mrs C Sloan) Mrs L Jewell 8-6 J Williams –
319 (7) 030 TISH 17 (M Kelly) A Smith 8-6 S Webster 76

BETTING: 5-1 Calling Jamaica, 6-1 Futuristic Brent, 8-1 Prezzemola, Vindaloo, 10-1 Gigfy, Shanghai Lil, Slytly Beveled, Tish, 12-1 Freeze, Shanghai Lil, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GIGFY beat Little Scarlett neck in 12-runner seller at Lingfield (AW 1m) on penultimate start. SLYTLY BEVELED about 7½l 6th of 20 to Hi-Aud in selling nursery at Goodwood (7f good to firm), with KENNEDY'S GOLD (2lb worse off) about 10l 13th. VINDALOO 6½l 6th of 11 to Rose Chime in claimer at Edinburgh (7f, good to firm). EVAPORATE 4l 4th of 12 to Captain's Day in claimer at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PREZZEMOLA 8¾l 4th of 9 to Fairy Fay in claimer at Lingfield (6f, good) on penultimate start. TISH 7½l 3rd of 11 to We're Joken in seller here (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: GIGFY

3.30 RABBIT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,572: 1m 3f 183yd) (10 runners)

401 (6) 140-06 HAWKER HUNTER 125 (F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-7 T Quinn 90
402 (4) 0150 GLANMERIN 17 (F) (R Norton) J Gosden 9-1 L Dettori 88
403 (5) 240014 GOLDEN ARROW 23 (D,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-13 R Cochrane 96
404 (2) 021010 RUMI 31 (D,F,G) (Sir Stephen Hastings) A Stewart 8-12 S Whitworth 98
405 (1) 431046 LA RIVERAINE 16 (G) (J Richmond-Watson) J Hills 8-7 M Henry (7) 95
406 (9) 410626 CUANGO 10 (D,F) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 8-5 W Ryan [illegible]
407 (3) 010202 STOMPIN 12 (F) (R Richards) C Brittain 7-13 B Doyle 93
408 (7) 005106 WILDFIRE 12 (D,S) (R Kilby) R Akehurst 7-10 J Quinn 88
409 (10) 011633 MINAAFA 10 (BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 7-8 A Mackay 96
410 (8) 121300 MR DEVIOUS 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 7-7 G Bardwell 95

BETTING: 4-1 Golden Arrow, 6-1 Cuango, Glanmerin, Wildfire, 8-1 Hawker Hunter, La Riveraine, Rumi, 10-1 Minaafa, Stompin, 16-1 Mr Devious.

FORM FOCUS

GLANMERIN best effort when beating Desert Conqueror ¾l in an 18-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). GOLDEN ARROW 3½l 4th of 16 to Warm Spell in handicap at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, soft). RUMI beat Hedia 4l in 7-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (1m 2l, good) on penultimate start. CUANGO 3½l 2nd of 7 to Locorotondo in rated stakes at Redcar (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. STOMPIN 1l 2nd of 11 to Un Parfum De Femme in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4l, good to soft), with WILDFIRE (6lb better off) about 20l 6th. WILDFIRE best effort when beating Sharp Tycoon ¾l in 5-runner handicap at Chepstow (1m 4l, soft). MINAAFA 4¾l 3rd of 9 to Acting Brave in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4l, good to firm), with CUANGO 7¾l 8th.
Selection: GOLDEN ARROW

4.00 HEDGEHOG CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,596: 1m 1f 218yd) (5 runners)

501 (2) 0551 GREAT CRUSADER 14 (D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-1 A Clark [illegible]
502 (1) 512 WARNING ORDER 21 (G) (I Cameron) J Dunlop 8-13 W Carson 95
503 (4) 50 BIG BANDS ARE BACK 61 (Mrs J Doyle) B Hills 8-11 M Hills 75
504 (3) 02 CROWNED GLORY 20 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 86
505 (5) 020 STIFFELIO 13 (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery 97

BETTING: 2-1 Great Crusader, 9-4 Warning Order, 4-1 Stiffelio, 11-2 Crowned Glory, 7-1 Big Bands Are Back.

FORM FOCUS

GREAT CRUSADER beat Crystal Blade 3l in conditions race at Bath (1m 2l, good). WARNING ORDER 1¼l 2nd to Al Widyan in conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good to soft). BIG BANDS ARE BACK 9¾l 7th to Unanimous Vote in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). CROWNED GLORY 8l 2nd to Nash Terrace in maiden at Kempton (1m, soft). STIFFELIO 2½l 2nd to Munwar in conditions race at Newbury (1m, soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: WARNING ORDER

4.30 HARE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O fillies: £4,121: 7f 9yd) (18 runners)

601 (1) ALPINE STORM (R Sowerby) M Usher 8-11 D Harrison –
602 (15) 36 BEAUCHAMP JADE 12 (E Penser) H Candy 8-11 W Newnes [illegible]
603 (10) BURNT SIENNA (T Dale) R Hannon 8-11 R Perham –
604 (5) CHEEKY CHARM (Mokoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn –
605 (12) 0 CLASSIC PET 12 (Friary Bloodstock Company Ltd) C Horgan 8-11 A Clark –
606 (13) FIRST AMENDMENT (G Leigh) L Cumani 8-11 J Weaver –
607 (14) HANIYA (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson –
608 (16) 00 KRISTAL BREEZE 20 (S Lamb) W Muir 8-11 D Harrison 64
609 (3) LA BRIEF (Four Jays Racing Partnership) M Ryan 8-11 T Ives –
610 (2) 0 MARZIPAN 37 (Mrs D Abbott) J Hills 8-11 R Hills –
611 (18) 00000 MO STOPHER 13 (P Jackson) R Akehurst 8-11 J Quinn 58
612 (7) 0 NIVASHA 11 (W Jackson) M Bell 8-11 G Faulkner (7) –
613 (4) 64 OLD SWINFORD 49 (Old Swinford Betting Office) B Meehan 8-11 S Whitworth 73
614 (8) 56 PIONEER PRINCESS 142 (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 8-11 G Carter –
615 (9) OUINWOOD (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 L Dettori –
616 (6) RAY OF HOPE (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11 M Hills –
617 (11) SHAPELY (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery –
618 (17) WHITE PALACE (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-11 W Woods –

BETTING: 5-2 Shapely, 7-2 Cheeky Charm, 6-1 Ouinwood, 7-1 First Amendment, Ray Of Hope, 10-1 Beauchamp Jade, 12-1 White Palace, 14-1 Burnt Sienna, 16-1 Marzipan, Old Swinford, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BEAUCHAMP JADE 6l 3rd of 17 to Mamlakah in maiden auction here (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHEEKY CHARM (foaled May 9) By Nureyev, half-sister to smart 1m 1m 2f performer Theatrical Charmer; dam, sister to Dahlia, 1m 2f winner in France. FIRST AMENDMENT (Mar 20) By Caerleon, half-sister to 1m 2f winning 3-y-o Verdigris; dam unraced. HANIYA (Mar 9) By Caerleon, half-sister to very useful 6f/1m 2f winner Volochine; dam 1m winning juvenile. MARZIPAN 10f 9th of 20 to Decorre in maiden at Kempton (6f, good). OUINWOOD (Feb 29) By Woodman, first foal; dam useful juvenile in France, later winner in group III company. SHAPELY (Mar 20) By Alleged, half-sister to useful juvenile Wharf, later winner over 1m; dam useful 1m/1m 1f winner in France.
No selection

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

5.00 DORMOUSE APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,758: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

1 (15) 0U BENJAMINS LAW 20 (D Lowe) J Pickering 9-0 R Waterfield (5) –
2 (12) 0 NOMOGRAM 13 (Miss J Arcdee & Partners) G Lewis 9-0 A Lakeman (5) –
3 (17) RAIFORT (Mrs M Dorwille) A Stewart 9-0 J Dennis (5) –
4 (13) 060000 RUB AL KHALI 20 (J Lane) D Laing 9-0 P Bowe (3) 69
5 (8) 60- SOMMERSBY 413 (F Nestest) A Stewart 9-0 C Dykes (5) –
6 (3) 00 SOON BE SPRING 34 (Mrs M Bostock) J L Harris 9-0 S Lanigan (3) –
7 (6) SUPERCOOL (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 9-0 Rosalyn Whittle (7) –
8 (11) TEA BOY (T Kinch) P Burgoyne 9-0 R Painter –
9 (1) THROWER (Mrs E Jacobs) W Brisbourne 9-0 S Brown (7) –
10 (7) 2252- BASSMAAT 412 (Total Asset Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 G Milligan (5) 96
11 (16) 354403 HI KIKI 28 (BF) (Mrs D Taylor) Mrs N McCourt 8-9 V Halliday 83
12 (14) 050323 MISS TEMERITY 37 (P Matthews) K Burke 8-9 B Russell 56
13 (19) 0-0 PETITE MEMORIES 193 (Mrs T Mills) T Mills 8-9 D Toole (5) –
14 (4) 34 PINE ESSENCE 30 (A Speelman) J Gosden 8-9 R Havlin 92
15 (20) 36 PRIM LASS 60 (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Wilkinson (5) [illegible]
16 (10) QUICK MILLION (J O'Neill) B Meehan 8-9 D O'Neill (3) –
17 (8) 0-05000 REGINA ALICIA 139 (Mrs A Cappuccini) B Pearce 8-9 Wendy Jones (5) –
18 (18) 00 THINK IT OUT 7 (P Deal) H Candy 8-9 Sarah Holland (7) 78
19 (5) 2- TRIPLE JOY 338 (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 8-9 C Hawksley 82
20 (2) 0 VALINCO 52 (K Butler) S Dow 8-9 J D Smith –

BETTING: 7-2 Prim Lass, 5-1 Pine Essence, Triple Joy, 7-1 Bassmaat, 8-1 Raifort, Hi Kiki, 10-1 Miss Temerity, 12-1 Nomogram, 14-1 Quick Million, Think It Out, Valinco, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SOMMERSBY about 6l 6th to Absolutely Fayre in maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start last season. BASSMAAT ½l 2nd to Peace Role in maiden at Tralee (7f, good) last season. HI KIKI 2½l 3rd to The Sharp Bidder in claimer here (6f, good). MISS TEMERITY 5¾l 3rd of 11 to Lalands in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 100yd). PINE ESSENCE 6¾l 4th to Western General in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good to soft). PRIM LASS neck and 1¾l 3rd to On The Tide in maiden at Warwick (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. TRIPLE JOY 5l 2nd to Co Pilot in maiden auction at Doncaster (6f, good) last season.
Selection: BASSMAAT

5.30 HARE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O fillies: £4,121: 7f 9yd) (17 runners)

1 (7) CAROBREA BELLE (Mrs S Crompton) M Bell 8-11 M Fenton (3) –
2 (16) 06 FINLAGGAN 55 (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 87
3 (6) 00 JOYFUL TIMES 20 (Joyful Times Racing) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 J Fortune –
4 (17) 500 LIZAPET 103 (Friary Bloodstock Company Ltd) C Horgan 8-11 T Williams 74
5 (8) LYNTON LASS (Uplands Bloodstock) E Dunlop 8-11 J Tate (3) –
6 (6) 65 MARIPOSA GROVE 12 (P Warren) R Curtis 8-11 J Lowe 85
7 (13) MARONETTA (Mrs S Martin) M Ryan 8-11 D Biggs –
8 (4) 33 MAYBE TODAY 19 (J Curnow) B Millman 8-11 J Williams 98
9 (1) MYSTOSKI (Roalco Ltd) M Tompkins 8-11 P Robinson –
10 (15) PITCROY (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 8-11 W Woods –
11 (3) SAMHAT MTOTO (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) C Wall 8-11 L Dettori –
12 (2) SHINING CANDLE (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-11 W Ryan –
13 (9) TRAZL (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-11 K Darley –
14 (11) TRIMMING (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 Pat Eddery –
15 (10) WESTERN PLOY (B McAllister) J L Harris 8-11 A Mackay –
16 (14) ZELIBA (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-11 B Doyle –
17 (12) 03 ZILAYAH 21 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn [illegible]

BETTING: 5-2 Trimming, 3-1 Zilayah, 6-1 Trazl, 8-1 Zeliba, 10-1 Carobrea Belle, Finlaggan, 12-1 Lynton Lass, Pitcroy, Shining Candle, 14-1 Samhat Mtoto, 16-1 Maybe Today, 20-1 Mariposa, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

FINLAGGAN about 8½l 6th of 13 to Neverending in maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). LYNTON LASS (foaled Feb 25, cost 32,000gns) By Rock City, half-sister to fair handicappers Fox Chapel and Take Heart; dam 5f juvenile winner. MAYBE TODAY 4½l 3rd of 8 to Singspiel in maiden at Chester (7f, good to soft). PITCROY (Feb 13) By Unfuwain, half-sister to useful performers Ardkinglass and Jura; dam dual 1m winner. SHINING CANDLE (Jun 9) By Bering, sister to 1m 6f winner Rasayel; dam staying maiden. TRAZL (May 1, 26,000gns) By Zalazl, half-sister to several winners including useful 1m 2f performer Talented; dam unraced. ZILAYAH 2½l and neck 3rd of 14 to Esperiero in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good).
Selection: ZILAYAH

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl. runs	Win %	Level stake
J Berry	121	110	102	4		-253.53
M Johnston	105	85	81	1		-40.77
R Hannon	105	121	120	3		-356.76
M Stoute	101	67	83	1		-31.19
J Gosden	89	90	59	1		-49.13

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing mounts	Level stake
L Dettori	223	229	154	6	-143.27
J Weaver	180	137	124	1	-100.02
K Darley	140	117	108	0	-119.64
Pat Eddery	139	103	74	10	-32.95

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%
J Gosden	20	77	26.0
H Cecil	22	89	24.7
M Stoute	16	70	22.9
G Wragg	9	46	19.6
P Walwyn	6	31	19.4
J Dunlop	15	85	17.6

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Weaver	10	51	19.6
Pat Eddery	23	119	19.3
W Carson	25	131	19.1
W R Swinburn	18	105	17.1
L Dettori	17	162	18.7
T Quinn	21	136	15.4

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Martin cruises to title defence as Jackman's challenge falls short



Jackman: too little too late

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN ST PETER PORT

ALL hopes that Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, could carry a challenge in the women's world open squash championship all the way to the title were ruthlessly destroyed here yesterday. The defending champion, Michelle Martin, of Australia, revealed the true distance between herself and the rest of the international women's field with a 33-minute 9-1, 9-0, 9-6 victory.

Jackman took a point with a neat little forehand dropshot for 1-2 in the opening game, but was denied another scoring opportunity for the next 39 rallies. "I was disappointed," said Jackman, 21, from North Walsham, a former world *junior champion who was seeded* fourth for this championship. "I did my job getting to the final, but I had hoped to get closer. I relaxed into my game towards the end, but it was too late by then."

For Martin, the day was doubly rewarding: "I heard just before I went on court that my mother, Dawn, won the over-50 tennis title at the Masters Games in Brisbane today. I held off calling her until I could say I was a winner, too."

Martin, whose family also includes Brett and Rodney, second and fourth in the men's world squash rankings, had set yesterday's victory as her target of the year after defending her British open title last April. "I don't even know *which tournaments are* scheduled after this. That is how focused I have been on this championship," she said.

Certainly, her control of the match was absolute until Jackman took service at 3-7 in the third game with a fierce forehand kill shot from the deep right-hand corner. A series of superbly struck winners, culminating in an extraordinary forehand top-spin dropshot the full length of the court, brought Jackman back to 6-8, and raised the possibility of further contest.

But the fluid, elegant movement that had carried Martin around the Perspex court at unanswerable speed returned to frustrate the apparent opportunity. Leaping to *the front backhand corner, she* picked up a good working dropshot and faded it across the front wall of the court. That gave her a fifth match ball and, with a forehand shot around the rooted form of her opponent, she became only the second Australian to defend the world open championship successfully since Heather McKay, in 1979, beat Sue Cogswell, of England.

Jackman's late flourish in the third game certainly averted a humiliating defeat and she will now be looking, in the team event that follows this week, for results to confirm that she is, indeed, the closest challenger to an Australian who clearly still rules the game.

Jackman's progress to her first world open championship final was achieved with a minimum of fuss on Saturday when she beat Fiona Geaves, of Gloucester, 9-4, 9-1, 9-2 in 34 minutes. Geaves, 26 had earlier shown ruthlessness beyond all expectation when she exploited a slight back problem carried into the quarter-finals by Liz Irving, the second seed from Australia.

Suzanne Horner, the British champion from Wakefield, leads the England line-up in this week's team championship and she will be hoping fervently for a chance, in the later stages, to gain revenge over Martin. The Australian beat her 9-4, 9-4, 9-6 in their 34-minute semi-final on Saturday.

Sue Wright's progress to a quarter-final against Martin secured her selection for the team championships at third string, but the unexpected exit of Martine Le Moignan, the retiring Guernsey Girl and thus a major individual attraction here, at the hands of Linda Charman, from Heathfield, in the second round, raised the passing prospect of Geaves earning a call-up as fourth string.

RESULTS: Semi-final results: M Martin (Aus) bt S Horner (Eng) 9-4, 9-4, 9-6; C Jackman (Eng) bt F Geaves (Eng) 9-4, 9-1, 9-2. Final: Martin bt Jackman 9-1 9-0 9-6.

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Krajicek's power too much for Becker

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

*RICHARD Krajicek, of Hol*land, defeated Boris Becker in a serving duel to win the Australian indoor tennis title in Sydney yesterday. Krajicek unleashed the most devastating serving performance of his career, *firing 34 aces in a* match that lasted 2hr 32min. He won 7-6, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

The seventh seed, whose fastest serve was clocked at 128mph, fittingly won the match with two consecutive aces. "He is definitely one of the best servers in the game." Becker, ranked sixth in the world, said. "I have never before in my career had to face so many aces."

The second-seeded German, a former Wimbledon, Australian Open and US Open champion, came to Sydney after a five-week break, which followed his first-round defeat at the US Open.

The win brought Krajicek his third title in 12 tournaments since his return to the tour in April following a five-month lay-off to recover from knee injuries.

"If I serve like that I know I can beat anyone," Krajicek, 22, said. With the victory he climbed back into the world top 20. "My serve-and-volley game is what wins matches for me and it is now finally back to the level it was 18 months ago." Krajicek served a staggering 93 aces during the week. Becker's 19 in the final took his total to 85.

After his defeat, Becker criticised the sport's authorities when he said too much exposure was killing tennis. A day after threatening to withdraw from the Australian Open next year in protest at recent rule changes, he said tennis was in the doldrums because of the crowded calendar and massive over-exposure.

"Every other sport has a long break. Tennis is the only sport where they basically have a major championship every month. There is a *tournament somewhere every* week and people get bored by that much tennis — that is why they don't watch it any more. It is over-exposure. Tennis has earned a lot of money over the last ten years following the boom *in the mid-Eighties, but* the boom is not there any more.

"People responsible for running tennis still want to make money but now they want to change the rules. In my view, that is completely the wrong way to go just because they don't earn as much money as they did five years ago."

Becker sparked controversy on Saturday when he criticised a rule change for grand slam events which would limit the time available between points from 25 to 20 seconds. He said the change, passed by the International Tennis Federation last month, could put players' health at risk, particularly in high temperatures at the Australian Open.

In Zurich yesterday, Magdalena Maleeva, the youngest of three sisters, kept the European indoor tennis *championship singles* title in the family when she beat Natalia Zvereva, of Belarus, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the final.

Maleeva, 19, from Bulgaria, secured her third career title on her fifth match point to emulate *her elder sister,* Manuela, who beat Martina Navratilova in the final last year.

Both Maleeva and Zvereva had trouble holding their serves throughout a match which lasted over two and a quarter hours. Zvereva fought back strongly after dropping the first set in 47 minutes, but failed to maintain her momentum in the decisive third set.

Maleeva served for the title at 5-3 but a succession of forehand passes and two-fisted backhands from Zvereva delayed her celebrations.

In Toulouse, Magnus Larsson maintained his excellent recent run of form to beat Jared Palmer, of the United States, 6-1, 6-3, in the final of the ATP tournament. It was his second tournament win of the season.

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TIM CUFF



A girl from Wembury School, Devon, is "tagged" by her male opponent. Wembury has pioneered tag rugby, a non-contact form of the sport

Tag rugby proves a hit with both sexes

BY JOHN GOODBODY

IF RUGBY is to become a world sport like football or basketball, then ways must be found of introducing it to youngsters so they will play the game spontaneously when they are unsupervised in playgrounds or running about on hard and uneven surfaces.

"That is a fair point," Nick Leonard, the sport's youth development officer for Devon, says, and then promptly shows you "tag" rugby. What impressed me at Wembury Primary School was not how the boys and girls played this original game when Leonard was refereeing, but what happened when his back was turned. The youngsters just continued enjoying tag rugby with good spirit, zest and evident pleasure.

If rugby is to become more popular in British state schools, let alone in countries, like, say, China and Algeria, where it is virtually unknown, then there must be some version, in which children will naturally take part when they are let out to play.

Wembury is the pioneer of tag rugby. Already the game has spread throughout Devon, *with almost a quarter of* the 442 primary schools in the county taking part in a tournament last June. Since the exhibition before the England v Wales match at Twickenham last season, other schools round the country have started experimenting.

Paddy Marsh, the headmaster of Wembury and a former Wasps and Plymouth Albion player, says: "People used to kick a football in the streets. Orthodox rugby is not so easy. However, tag rugby is very easy to pick up. We always say: you pass backwards and, when you have the ball in your hands, you run forwards."

Tag rugby is non-contact, so making injuries from violent contact rare. All the players wear a light belt with two ribbons attached to it by Velcro. A "tackle" is made when the ball carrier has one of the two ribbons removed by a defender, who holds it in the air and shouts "tag". The ball carrier must then stop and pass. Pitches vary in size according to the number of players and tries are scored by touching down over a designated line.

The idea is not novel among adults. When members of the armed forces have wanted to play a form of rugby on overseas trips, where hard grounds made it impractical to have proper tackling, they tucked pieces of cord into their shorts. Leonard heard of the idea from a naval officer in Plymouth. It solved the dilemmas of "touch" rugby or "new image" rugby, where players had to *touch an opponent on both* hips to effect a "tackle".

He says: "Officiating a touch rugby game was a nightmare. There were simply too many arguments whether someone had touched an opponent. *Tag rugby solves* these problems."

It is also popular with girls. Katie Cox, 10, says: "I like playing against the boys. With the girls, you know them so well, that you cannot 'go' against them so much."

Leonard also believes that touch rugby developed undesirable habits for the 15-a-side game because of the relative ease, with which defenders could make a tackle. Much of the movement was across the pitch.

Tag rugby has also pleased the physical education profession. Wendy Collin, a PE advisory teacher for Devon, approves both of the amount of exercise the children take and also that it encourages them to think. More children have watched football than rugby on television and they *come to tag rugby with fewer* preconceived ideas.

Peter Drewett, a physical education lecturer at Exeter University, who is working for the Rugby Football Union for the next two years, says: "Although it has a lot of potential for youngsters, it is also of use for senior players. It encourages, agility, proper lines of running and running at spaces rather than at players.

"In tag rugby, the game comes down to its most simple form: passing, evasion, running and support play. It is excellent."

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Local man Hayata beaten by Olympic champion

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Olympic champion, Hwang Young-jo, of South Korea, shattered the dreams of a home-town success in the Asian Games marathon at Hiroshima yesterday.

The local runner, Toshiyuki Hayata, had set his sights on victory since the Games were awarded to Hiroshima ten years ago. But Hwang was too strong and experienced over the final seven kilometres, forcing Hayata to settle for silver.

Hwang was assisted by his teammate, Kim Jae-ryong, who picked up the bronze medal after helping his partner to confuse Hayata with changes of pace in the final kilometres.

It was one of a succession of victories for South Korea yesterday that enabled them to move clear of Japan in the race to finish second in the medals table. At the start of the last week of competition, the South Koreans took their haul of gold medals to 31, three ahead of Japan but far behind the Chinese, who already have 73 golds.

South Korea won gold medals in taekwondo, sweeping through all four events they entered, badminton, archery, tenpin bowling and wrestling. The victory for their women's badminton team against the favourites, Indonesia, was the biggest surprise of the day.

Despite South Korea's strong showing, they made no impression on China's steadily increasing lead in the *medals table. Zhong Huandi,* runner-up at last year's world championships, easily took gold in the women's marathon with a a time of 2hr 29min 32sec, a new Games record. Her fellow-Chinese, Zhang *Lirong, a member of Ma* Junren's famed stable of distance runners, was second and Nobuko Fujimura, of Japan, took bronze, finishing with blood streaming down her legs. Fujimura collapsed *at the finish and was unable to* attend the medals ceremony after being taken for medical treatment.

After winning nearly every gold medal in the swimming pool in the first week, the Chinese took to the water again yesterday and swept up five golds in canoeing.

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FOR WEDNESDAY

THUNDERER

2.10 Radiant Dancer, 2.40 Congregation, 3.10 Mulciber, 3.40 Duke Of Aprolon, 4.10 Too Sharp, 4.40 Ocean Link.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.10 SINGLETON JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,880: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1	215	RADIANT DANCER 4 (CD,F) R Phillips 11-0	J Railton	–
2	R2	SPEEDY SNAPS IMAGE 40 C Weedon 10-12	Peter Hobbs	–
3	24	CELESTIAL DANCE 24 (BF) M Tompkins 10-7	R Dunwoody	–
4		COUPLES 13F M Campion 10-7	M Richards	–
5		FOREVER BLUSHING 90F P Butler 10-7	M Houlihan	–
6		LA SPANIMA 14F M Usher 10-7	J Osborne	–
7	5	MANDURA 14 Miss A Embiricos 10-7	R Moore	–
8	63	STRATH KITTEN 13 T Clement 10-7	A P McCoy (5)	–

5-2 Celestial Dance, 3-1 Radiant Dancer, 7-2 Speedy Snaps Image, 5-1 others.

2.40 FRANK CUNDELL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,742: 2m 3f) (4)

1	3062	ST ATHANS LAD 14 (BD,C,F,6) R Curtis 9-12-0	D Walsh (5)	98
2	4-11	CONGREGATION 14 (C,D,6,S) R Rowe 8-11-8	R Dunwoody	96
3	-335	GREENHEART 14 (F,6) R Dickinson 11-10-0	A Procter (5)	96
4	UP6-	BE SURPRISED 219 (S) A Moore 8-10-0	D Gallagher	72

8-11 Congregation, 6-4 St Athans Lad, 14-1 Greenheart, 16-1 Be Surprised.

Maguire given eight-day ban

ADRIAN Maguire was suspended for eight days (October 17 to 24 inclusive) at Bangor on Saturday for careless riding. It is his third ban of the season. The Irishman, riding Malawi in the opening Norsk JockeyKlub Novices' Handicap Hurdle, was adjudged to have caused interference to the winner Beatson.

☐ Warren Marston was fined £750 for taking the wrong course on Willsford in the Willis Corroon Handicap Chase.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Carlisle: 1.50 Nashville Star, 2.20 Palacegate Sunset. Leicester: 2.00 Petite Maxine, 2.30 Arzina, Benuco

3.10 SALMON SPRAY CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,470: 2m 2f) (7)

1	36-5	RICH LIFE 8 (CD,6) C Weedon 4-11-11	A P McCoy (5)	94
2	051-	MULCIBER 9F (F) C Harwood 5-11-10	M Pitman	88
3	661-	FANTASY WORLD 147 (CD,F,6,S) J Gifford 5-11-7	P Hide (3)	88
4	-213	BARNWELL BILL 9 (V,CD,F,S) J Jenkins 5-11-5	R Dunwoody	92
5	20PY	SULU BOY 578 (F) Miss P Sheldrick 9-11-0	M Richards	–
6	-F20	TEL-E THON 6 (V,D,F,S) Miss C Caine 7-10-8	D Leahy (3)	88
7	026-	THUNDOL 12F (6,S) R Rowe 6-10-3	D Cannon (7)	95

7-4 Mulciber, 5-2 Fantasy World, 9-2 Bigwheel Bill, 5-1 Rich Life, 10-1 Tel E Thon, 14-1 Sulu Boy, 20-1 Thundol.

3.40 DOWNLANDS BEEFEATER NOVICES CHASE (£2,173: 2m 3f) (4)

1	455-	DUKE OF APROLON 167 (6) J Gifford 7-11-2	P Hide (3)	99
2	5245	CRUISE CONTROL 14 R Rowe 8-10-13	E Murphy	82
3	40-3	FALCONSBRIDGE BAY 18 Miss A Embiricos 7-10-13	J R Kavanagh	82
4	0/	SPRINGPARK 677 T Casey 9-10-13	R Dunwoody	–

4-7 Duke Of Aprolon, 7-2 Falconsbridge Bay, 5-1 Cruise Control, 8-1 Springpark.

4.10 EBF MARKET INN (PETERSFIELD) NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,075: 2m 2f) (5)

1	230-	GLENCARRIG GALE 232 D Gressett 6-11-0	Peter Hobbs	97
2	44-1	TOO SHARP 18 (F) Mrs H Knight 5-11-0	J Osborne	97
3	921-	IVY EDITH 128 (S) T Mills 4-10-9	D O'Sullivan	–
4	0-	WISBOROUGH GREEN 173 J Bridger 4-10-9	A Dicken	–
5	36-	ZULU PEARL 202 J Gifford 6-10-9	E Murphy	88

5-4 Too Sharp, 9-4 Zulu Pearl, 3-1 Glencarrig Gale, 5-1 Ivy Edith, 50-1 Wisborough Green.

4.40 GEMINI PRESS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,410: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1	-303	OCEAN LINK 14 (CD,F,B,6) R Alner 10-11-10	P Hosley (7)	93
2	11P-	JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 150 (F) Mrs J Screaton 11-11-5	B Pollock (7)	90
3	4-66	RUSTY BRIDGE 11 (F,6) Mrs S Johnson 7-11-6	R Johnson (7)	91
4	8-45	FIGHTING DAYS 14 (B,C,F,6) A Moore 8-11-1	T McCarthy (7)	93
5	P-63	THE HUMBLE TILLER 6 (6,S) D Bandolo 11-10-3	Miss P Jones (5)	97
6	00-6	ARCTICFLOW 32 (B) N Thomson 9-10-0	S Davis (7)	72

6-4 Ocean Link, 5-2 Fighting Days, 4-1 The Humble Tiller, 5-1 Jay Jay's Voyage, 10-1 Rusty Bridge, 20-1 Arcticflow.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Phillips, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100.0%; G Harwood, 12 from 33, 36.4%; R Alner, 5 from 17, 29.4%; Miss B Sanders, 10 from 36, 27.8%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 21, 23.8%; M Usher, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 19 winners from 33 rides, 30.3%, P Hide, 8 from 37, 21.6%; Peter Hobbs, 16 from 82, 19.5%; M Pitman, 14 from 74, 18.9%; M Richards, 13 from 77, 16.9%; E Murphy, 5 from 30, 16.7%.

Stunning close-up substitutes for comfort

Oliver Holt enjoys atmosphere and colourful commentary from the Central Park terraces

A sporting choice confronted Tony Blair, the Labour leader, when the party conference in Blackpool finished on Friday: a visit to the gleaming new Anfield to see Liverpool against Aston Villa or a short journey inland to watch Wigan take on the might of the touring Australian rugby league team.

Blair chose Anfield. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is rebuilding his team there, too, and the club is sweeping away the vestiges of the past. The Kop, Liverpool's shibboleth, old football's version of Clause Four, is being replaced by seats where people from nice areas such as Wirrall and Southport can sit in their mohair coats.

Central Park, Wigan's home, on the other hand, is a centre of unreconstructed entertainment where value for money has to be measured purely by the exhibition you see on the pitch. Terraces, not stands, still dominate the stadium, and the atmosphere they generate is worth a portion of the entry fee alone.

The toilet facilities for the standing fans, admittedly, are bordering on the primitive, almost the prehistoric. You happen upon them as you walk down a dark corridor beneath one of the stands, people standing in corners like dark shades apparently at random. The food they sell at the Ultimate Burger Bars dotted around the ground may be the ultimate in something but it is not taste or quantity. Perhaps facilities for the seated customers are better, but there was little evidence of that.

Still, once you accept you are not going to be mollycoddled for your £6 ground ticket, the benefits are apparent. Unlike Premiership football, rugby league is still accessible to all. Families who could not afford a trip to Old Trafford or White Hart Lane stand together on *the terraces at Central Park.*

Nor are the supporters corralled into one small section. The ground ticket allows you to wander freely around three sides of the stadium on Saturday, choosing whatever vantage you wish. Low enough to see every detail, such as Martin Offiah's quiff, or to see the sweat dripping from his brow as he turned into the sun to peer at the scoreboard; close enough to hear Mal Meninga, rugby league's living legend, roar at the referee through the din of the crowd noise; high enough to appreciate the full majesty of Brett Mullins's second-half sprint through the Wigan defence that would have left an American football running back gasping in admiration.

THROUGH THE TURNSTILE

The spectacle is quite simply breathtaking. Thudding tackles happening several seats away from you; huge men and fine athletes battering into *each other for all their worth,* then exploding away from their tacklers with fearsome speed and sleight of hand.

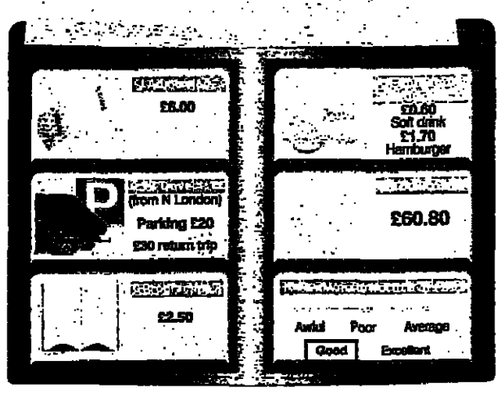
The terraces were packed so that the roar that greeted every Wigan surge towards the try line was invigorating. But they were not so densely peopled as football terraces used to be and a little crafty manoeuvring ensured a good view wherever you stood. There was plenty of local commentary too, mostly of the bewildered and bitter kind in the first half when Wigan were overwhelmed, but touching on euphoria in the second half, when they fought back, and developing rapidly into scorn for the Australians. Lancashire accents yelled "get up, you big girl's blouse", in unison when one particularly hefty forward lay in a crumpled heap after a crunching tackle.

Wigan, after all, are the Manchester United of rugby league and to see them play in any game is a privilege. But watch a game like this, billed as the fourth international because of its quality, and you feel you are at an historic occasion, a witness to greatness in sport.

You see great players such as Meninga and Offiah, players you can boast about seeing; you see stars of the future such as Mullins and Jason Robinson and suddenly the £6 you paid seems very cheap.

Shame about the £20 parking ticket when I got back to the car but it's not only Central Park that is unreconstructed. An hour in a traffic jam on the M6 left no alternative but to park practically outside the ground on the stroke of 3pm and Greater Manchester Police did the rest.

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FOR THE RECORD

ASIAN GAMES

HOROSHIMA: Finals
ARCHERY: Women: Individual: L Eun-Kyoung (S Kor) bt L Jung-Ah (S Kor) 9-8 in shoot-off after scores tied 104-104
ATHLETICS: Marathon: Men: H Young-jo (S Kor) 2hr 11min 13sec Women: Z Huandi (China) 2 29:32
BASKETBALL: Men: Iran 69 Kazakhstan 68; Japan 95 S Arabia 63 South Korea 87 Kazakhstan 77, Philipines 97 UAE 71 Women: Taiwan 79 Kazakhstan 71 South Korea 110 Thailand 59 Japan 84 South Korea 80; China 83 Taiwan 59
BOWLING: Men: Trios. 1 Japan. 2 South Korea. 3 United Arab Emirates Women: Trios: 1 Malaysia, 2 Japan, 3 South Korea. Men: 1, F Tagata (Jpn) 5.036pts. 2, M Al Qubaisi (Uae) 4,963. 3, M Cheol-ki (S Kor) 4,932 All events Five-Man: 1, SKorea 6,029. 2, Philippines 6 012. 3, Japan 5,968
CANOEING: Men: singles: 500m: Z Lei (China) 1 58 40 Doubles: K Negodiaev and S Sergueev (Kaz) 1:46.29
Kayak: Men: singles: 500m: I Kireev (Uzb) 1 46 59 Doubles: C Guoji and J Yuguo (China) 1:35 23 Four-Man: China (H Zhendong, W Xianjun, W Yong, Y Jun) 1:26 31 Women. D Ying (China) 1 58 46. Doubles: G Gerber and Z Xiaoli (China) 1 45.81
CYCLING: Men. 100-Kilometer team time trial: 1, Kazakhstan (A Vinokourov, M Telenouk, S Lavrenenko, A Mouzourov) 2:09:09. 2, China 2 11 00. 3, Kyrgyzstan 2 12 28.
EQUESTRIANISM: Individual Jumping: 1, K Kuwahara (Jpn) 0 00 (jumpoff 0 00). 2, R Okuno (Jpn) 0 00 (jumpoff 4 00). 3, N Chantrasmi (Thai) 3 00
FENCING. Men. Individual epee. X Xueming (China) bt A Pistsov (Kaz) 15-9. Sabre Team Final: China bt S Korea 9-7
FOOTBALL: Quarter final draw: China v Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan v Turkmenistan, Kuwait v United Arab Emirates, Japan v South Korea
GOLF: Men: 276: K Yokoo (Jpn) 70, 69, 68, 69. 285: Z Lianwei (China) 72, 74, 70, 69. 286: H Chia Yuh (C Taipei) 74, 70, 71, 71. 288: A Joo-Hwan (S Kor) 72, 71, 76, 69. L Ying Juh (C Taipei) 73, 73, 71, 71. 290: H Suk-Ho (S Kor) 75, 73, 72, 70. 292: C Tse Peng (C Taipei) 71, 71, 77, 73. 293: K Chang-Min (S Kor) 73, 73, 76, 71. 294: M Mamat (Sing) 72, 72, 77, 73. J Randhawa (Indo) 77, 74, 73, 70. F Oie (Jpn) 71, 77, 73, 73. 295: A Luthra (Indo) 73, 72, 76, 74. 296: H Kahlon (Indo) 71, 73, 75, 77. Team: Japan 864. Chinese Taipei 866. S Korea 870. India 881. Indonesia 898. Singapore 900. Pakistan 903. China 906. Philippines 913. Bahrain 914. Brunei 945.
Women: 286: H Yu Chen (C Taipei) 71, 69, 74, 72. 295: F Soo Yun (S Kor) 73, 76, 75, 71. 298: S Chae Eun (S Kor) 74, 73, 74, 75. 297: C Chin Sha (C Taipei) 72, 75, 76, 74. 301: H Hee Won (S Kor) 78, 74, 74, 75. 303: H Lida (China) 73, 80, 75, 75. 304: C Anto (Jpn) 76, 77, 76, 75. 305: L Shaoru (China) 76, 77, 78, 74. Team: Chinese Taipei 583; S Korea 588. China 608, Japan 611; Malaysia 612. Philippines 631.
SHOOTING: Men: Individual trap: Z Bing (China) 144. Team: Kuwait 357. Individual air rifle (60 shot standing): N Lijia (China) 690.3. Team: S Korea 1,753. Individual skeet: S Al-Mutairy (S Arabia) 145pts. Team: Kazakhstan 356
Women: Individual 10m air pistol: 40 shots. 1, F Xiaoping (China) 461.2pts. 2, D Munhbayar (Mgl) 478 3. 3, Y Inada (Jpn). Team: 1, China (L Duihong, W Lina, F Xiaoping) 1.138 pts. 2, Japan (Y Inada, K Komori, K Yoshimoto) 1,133. 3, South Korea (L Sun Bok, B Soon He, P Jung Hee) 1,128
SWIMMING: Men: 200m individual medley: X Guoming (China) 2 03.29. 4x100m medley relay: Japan. 1,500m freestyle: H Masri (Syria) 15 29 70
Women: 50m freestyle: L Bin (China) 25 68. 200m backstroke: H Cihong (China) 2.09 46. 200m butterfly: L Limin (China) 2:06 77
Synchronized Swimming: Solo: F Okuno (Jpn) 188 997. Duet: F Okuno and M Tachibana (Jpn) 187 857
TABLE TENNIS: Women: Team: China bt Hong Kong 3-1
TAEKWONDO: Finweight (under 50 kg): C Jung-san (Taiw) Flyweight (50 to 54 kg): C Seung-tae (S Korea) Lightweight: 1, F Askari (Iran) Welterweight: 1, J Kwang-chae (S Kor) Middleweight: 1, H Hasan (Kuwait) Heavyweight: 1, K Je-gyoung (S Kor)
WEIGHTLIFTING: Men: 76kg: A Orazdurdiev (Turkmenistan) 340 0. 83kg: V Niou (Kaz) 365kg.
WRESTLING: Freestyle: 48kg: 1, N Rahmati (Iran) 57kg: T Tsogtbayar (Mongolia) 68kg: A Akbarnejad (Iran). 82kg: A Reza Khadem (Iran) 100kg: K Tae-woo (S Kor)

ATHLETICS

DULWICH: Charity (10km): 1, K Tadesse (Belgrave Harriers) 29.21; 2, B Brown (Herne Hill Harriers) 31:27; 3, H Jones (Ranelagh) 31.39 Women: F Bosnak (Walton AC/Turkey) 36.25
PORTSMOUTH: Great South Run (10 miles) Men: 1, G Staines (Belgrave Harriers) 47.00. 2, D Wakiihuri (Kenya) 47.23. 3, J Treacy (Ire) 47 34. 4, F Wilbroad (Tanz) 47 52. 5, T Buckner (Havant) 48 07. 6, P Whitehead (Skyrac) 48 22.
Women: 1, G Karlshoj (Den) 54 49. 2, L Sonsova (Russ) 55 09. 3, S Rigg (Warrington) 55.38, 4, J Hunter (Vale) 56.41; 5, K Bailey (New Forest) 56 45; 6, P Fudge (Hounslow) 57 29.

BADMINTON

YORK: Yorkshire Championships: Finals: Men: M Brown bt N Panesar 15-0, 18-14
Women: J Wilmott beat S Barbour 11-2, 11-6.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets 69 (Lloyd 22, Simms 13, Payne 9) London Towers 77 (Henlan 19, Moore/Lewis 16). Derby Bucks 73 (Lascelles/Beika 15, Gardner 12). Chester Jets 86 (Johnson/Snead 18, Gardner 15). Hemel Royals 78 (Eiler 27, Koochof 18, Keenan/Pringle 8) Leopards 98 (Youngblood 35, Polk 20, Brown 19). Thames Valley Tigers 60 (Bucknall 23, Holley 14, P Scantlebury 9); Manchester Giants 65 (Robinson 24, Gordon 22, Grainger 7). Worthing Bears 108 (Irish 32, Hamed 27, Johnson 14) Sunderland Scorpions 83 (Saunders 33, Nottage 22, Wood 10).

BOXING

COPENHAGEN: IBF Light-heavyweight title: O Klemetsen (Nor, holder) bt E Brown (US) ko 3rd.
European junior lightweight title: J Yoma (Fr, holder) bt J Bredahl (Den) pts.
BERCK, France: European super-middleweight title: F Seillier (Fr, holder) bt B Borcon (Switz) rsf 9th.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: World indoor singles championship: English qualifiers: Quarter-finals: J Mills bt B Jenkins 3-2; G Harlow bt D Holt 3-1; J Rednall bt C Palmer 3-1, R Morgan bt B Morley 3-2.
BALLYMONEY: Irish masters: Semi-finals: A Marshall (Scot) bt W Richards (Eng) 21-14. J Henry (Ire) bt A Thomson (Eng) 21-20.

CRICKET

HARARE: Second day: Sri Lanka 502-3 dec President's X1 68-6

CYCLING

MANCHESTER: British Federation international tournament: World championship 4,000m pursuit: C Boardman (GB) 4min 35.289sec bt F Moreau (Fr) 4.37 440. Points race (12.5 km) T Doyle (GB) 11
Devil Take The Hindmost (race B) P Pieters (Hol) Olympic sprint (750m). Denmark 48.630sec Keirin: D-J van Hameren (Hol). Scratch race (12.5km): J-M Monin (Fr) 14:39 12.
Match result: 1. Denmark 49; equal 2, Britain; equal 2, France 37.
MONZA: Lombardy tour: 1, V Bobrik (Russ) 7hr 3min 21sec; 2, C Chiappucci (It) 2sec behind; 3, P Richard (Switz) 3sec behind.
ROAD RACE: GEP International (Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, 63m): 1, P Curran (Optimum Performance RT), 2hr 28min 30sec. 2, N Martin (Dinnington RC). at 23sec; 3, J Harrison (Invicta RC), same time.
HILL CLIMBS: Wrexham RC (Horseshoe Pass, Llangollen, 2.8m). 1, S Dangerfield (North Wirral Velo), 9 08 0; 2, M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT), 9.52 0; 3, N Despres (Guernsey Velo Club), 10:13 0. Team: Guernsey VC, 32 46 0 Welsh CA championship (Tumble, near Abergavenny, 1.85m): C Nott (Stratford Wh) 10:48 7. BCF North Midlands Division (Monsal Head, Derbyshire, 646yd). D Downing (Jamor RT), 1:29 8 Team: Jamor RT, 4:33.9. Burton and District CA (Ambergate, Derbyshire, 1,000yd): S Green (Oldham Century RC), 3:19.4. Border CA (Alton, Hampshire, 1,500yd): G Brook (Clarence Wheelers), 3:50.8. Hull Thursday RC two-stage (North Humberside, 1.5m): M Pitchford (Dinnington RC), 6:05 6. Wigmore CC (Kent, 1,300yd): T Luxford (Woolwich CC), 3:24 8 Cestria CC (Lanchester, Co Durham, 1m): S Tyson (North East RT), 4.14 0 (course and event record). Manchester Wheelers (Standing Stones, 1,477yd) S Green (Oldham Century RC), 3.32.7. Team: Oldham Century RC, 11.19.5 CC Todmorden (Coal Clough, Lancashire. 1m). C Giles (Huddersfield Star Wheelers), 4-54.3
TIME-TRIALS: Verulam CC (25m): I Cammish (Velo Viento), 50:44 (event record). Team: Leo RC, 2:38:12. Norwich ABC (25m): D Stall (North Road RT), 52:29. Team: VC Norwich, 2:48:05 Nottingham Clarion (25m). J Ramsbottom (Dinnington RC), 52.59. Team: Ashfield RC, 2:54:19 Chesterfield Spire RC (two-up, 25m): 1, J Wright and S Tyson (North East RT), 49:03.
CYCLO-CROSS: Addiscombe CC (Redhill Common, 12m) S Douce (PCA) 1:02:15 Black Country Wheelers (Dudley, 10m): S Knight.
Halesowen Festival RC (Shirley Hills, Croydon, 14m): S Douce (PCA), 1:01:09 Silcoates School CC (Open, Wakefield, 13m) R Thackray (Bradford Olympic RC), 53:20. Beauvale CC (Cossall, Derbyshire, 9m): M Seddon (Ace RT), 46:05. Aero BC (Brentwood, Essex, 12m): K Burton (CRD-Biketrax), 58 34

EQUESTRIANISM

OSLO: World Cup qualifier: 1, Joyride (B Mandli, Switz) clear 31 17sec; 2, La Ina (P Charles, Ire) clear 33 02; 3, Elegast (M De Kuyoca, Sp) clear 34.46; 4, It's Otto (G Billington, GB) clear 35 73. Other British scores: 7, Comex (W Funnell) 8 faults, 36.77.

GOLF

NAPA, California: Transamerica championship: Second round scores (US unless stated) 136: T Aycock 68, 68; G Player 68, 68, B Bard 65, 71; J Sigel 67, 69. 137: T Shaw 70, 67, B Brue 68, 69. 139: K Zarley 70, 69, J P Cain 69, 69 139: B Charles 71, 68; O Moody 73, 66, D Lotz 70, 69; J Kiefer 70, 69; J Powell 69, 70, H Blancas 69, 70; B E Smith 65, 74. 140: J C Snead 71, 69, T Wargo 73, 67; D Stockton 71, 69; J Dent 68, 72. 141: B Zimmerman 72 69; D January 72, 69; J Albus 72, 69, L Ziegler 72, 69; D Hendrickson 71, 70; W Zembriski 73, 68; J McGee 71, 70; H Henning 74, 67; I Aoki 69, 72; L Laoretti 69, 72. 142: B Carson 71, 71; S Hobday 71, 71; A Palmer 71, 71, R McBee 74, 68; A Geiberger 70, 72; B Hall 69, 73; L Trevino 68, 74. 143: G Gilbert 72, 71, B Devlin 72, 71: C Coody 72, 71, J Brodie 72, 71; D Douglass 73, 70; B Summerhays 70, 73. 144: D Beman 72, 72; J Colbert 73, 71, R Gaona 74, 70; H Toscano 75, 69; E Snead 69, 75; D Bies 77, 67. 145: B Murphy 73, 72; D Eichelberger 73, 72: G Littler 71, 74, B Nichols 73, 72; B Dickson 70, 75; F Ruiz 70, 75; Bruce Crampton 70, 75. 146: B Smith 72, 74; M Barber 74, 72; T Horton 70, 76; L Elder 74, 72. 147: J Vaughn 71, 76; K Still 73, 74, T Aaron 73, 74; M Fetchick 74, 73; G Shortridge 77, 70; B Reith 79, 69. 148: D Goetz 74, 74, M Heck 76, 72. 150: L Graham 71, 79, T Dill 74, 76; D Rhyan 77, 73, R Dominguez 77, 73. 152: J Joseph 75, 77; R Bassett 75, 77. 154: C Sarudo 75, 79. 155: R Dillehunt 79, 76. 156: H Johnson 78, 78. 158: D Ford 81, 77, B Panasik 81, 77.
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: World classic: Third round scores (US unless stated) 201: R Fehr 63, 70, 68, C Stadler 68, 66, 67. 202: J Flannery 70, 70, 62. 204: T Dodds (Nam) 68, 66, 70; L Janzen 72, 66, 67. D Stockton 68, 64, 72. 205: S Brodie 72, 67, 68, R Gamez 68, 69, 68; S Stricker 72, 67, 66; F Zoeller 66, 70, 69; G Day 65, 68, 72. 206: D Tewell 69, 66, 71; C Dennis 67, 67, 72; B Kamm 69, 69, 68; B Bryant 64, 72, 70; G Kraft 70, 68, 68. 207: J Gallagher 65, 68, 74, D Hammond 68, 72, 67; L Rinker 66, 69, 72, M Hulbert 70, 68, 69. 208: P Azinger 72, 68, 68. L Mize 69, 70, 69; J Sindelar 69, 69, 70; B Lohr 63, 71, 74; C Byrum 67, 69, 72; P Stewart 69, 70, 69
LA BOULIE, France: Mens amateur world team championship: 629 United States; 630 Britain & Ireland: 633 Australia; 642 New Zealand; 644 Sweden; 647 Spain. 649 Austria, 652 Belgium; 654 South Africa; 658 Canada.
MIYOSHI, Japan: Classic International Open: Final round scores (Japanese unless stated). 277: C Pavin (US) 68, 69, 68, 72. 278: H Chin Sheng (Taiwan) 72, 68, 70, 68. 280: A Ohmachi 70, 70, 73, 67. V Singh (Fiji) 72, 71, 69, 68; H Ueda 71, 68, 68, 73. 281. H Sasaki 69, 67, 75, 70. 282: T Yoneyama 71, 70, 73, 68. 283: B Watts (US) 70, 73, 71, 69.
BRISTOL: Vauxhall Team Classic: Finals: 592: Meon Valley. 609: Cahir Park. 619: Dougalston. 620: Hesketh. 624: Stevenage. 633: St Neots 634: Evesham. 638: Inverness. 642: Keighley. 643: Flint.

GYMNASTICS

PARIS: Rhythmic world championships: Team event: Leading results: 1, Russia 38.925pts; 2, Spain 38 700; 3, Bulgaria 38.675, 4, Belarus 38.250; 5, Japan 37.925, equal 6, France 37.850; equal 6, China 37.850; 8, Greece 37.775; 9, Ukraine 37.525; 10, Germany 37.437.
Individual events: Hoop: equal 1, L Lukyanenko (Bela) 9 875pts; equal 1, M Petrova (Bul) 9.875; equal 1, E Serebrianskaya (Ukr) 9.875. Clubs: 1, E Serebrianskaia (Ukr) 9.900; 2, M Petrova (Bul) 9.825; 3, A Zaripova (Russ) 9 800. Team (Hoops and clubs): 1, Bulgaria 19.550; 2, Russia 19.400; 3, Spain 19.325.

ICE HOCKEY

REYKJAVIK: Women's European championship: Quarter-final: First leg: Iceland 1 England 2.
EUROPEAN CUP: Cardiff Devils 6 Sokol Kiev 2: Tilburg Trappers 7 Cardiff Devils 4.
BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-final: Edinburgh Racers 9 Fife Flyers 8; Slough Jets 6 Nottingham Panthers 11.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Milton Keynes Kings 6 Basingstoke Beavers 8. First Division: Chelmsford Chieftains 7 Solihull Barons 11; Dumfries 4 Blackburn Blackhawks 4; Medway Bears 5 Guildford Flames 6. Romford Raiders 2 Trafford Metros 12; Swindon Wildcats 21 Lee Valley Lions 1; Telford Tigers 12 Paisley Pirates 3.

MOTOR CYCLING

MONTMELO, Spain: European Grand Prix: 500cc: 1, L Cadalora (It, Yamaha) 46:03.358; 2, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 46:06.844, 3, J Kocinski (US, Cagiva) 46:09.922; 4, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 46:10.842; 5, D Beattie (Aus, Yamaha) 46:22.093; 6, A Barros (Br, Suzuki) 46:23.350, 7, A Puig (Sp, Honda) 46:27.884. 8, N McKenzie (GB, Yamaha) 46:38.334. 9, B Garcia (Fr, Yamaha) 46:58.256. 10, D Chandler (US, Cagiva) 46:59.284
Other British scores: 11, J Reynolds (GB, Yamaha) 46.59.343; 12, J McWilliams (GB, Yamaha) 46:59.634.
World championship standings: 1, Doohan 317pts; 2, Cadalora 174; 3, Kocinski 172: 4, K Schwantz (US) 169. 5, Puig 152; 6, Criville 144; 7, S Itoh (Jpn) 141; 8, Barros 134; 9, Chandler (US) 96. 10, McKenzie 69.
Constructors world championship: 1, Honda 317pts; 2, Suzuki 214. 3, Yamaha 189
250cc: 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 42.44.818. 2, L Capirossi (It, Honda) 42.46.758; 3, D Romboni (It, Honda) 42:47.426; 4, T Okada (Jpn, Honda) 42:47.874; 5, T Harada (Jpn, Yamaha) 42:49.047; 6, J P Ruggia (Fr, Aprilia) 43.03.311: 7, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43:06.886; 8, J M Bayle (Fr, Aprilia) 43.06.968. 9, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 43:15.975; 10, A Bosshard (Switz, Honda) 43 16.856.
World championship standings: 1, Biaggi 234pts: 2, Okada 214; 3, Capirossi 199; 4, Romboni 170; 5, R Waldmann 156; 6, Ruggia 149: 7, Harada 109, 8, Bayle 105; 9, Luis D'Antin (Sp, Honda) 100; 10, N Aoki (Jpn, Honda) 95.
Constructors world championship: 1, Honda 320pts; 2, Aprilia 283; 3, Yamaha 112.
125cc: 1, D Raudies (Ger, Honda) 43:28.974; 2, P Oettl (Ger, Aprilia) 43:29.111; 3, H Aoki (Jpn, Honda) 43:31 930; 4, T Tsujimura (Jpn, Honda) 43:31 930; 5, O Petrucciani (Switz, Aprilia) 43.35 753; 6, N Ueda (Jpn, Honda) 43:39 465; 7, K Sakata (Jpn, Aprilia) 43 39 617; 8, H Nakajyo (Jpn, Aprilia) 43:39.653; 9, L Bodelier (Hol, Honda) 43:39.836, 10, F Gresini (It, Honda) 43:39.938.
World championship standings: 1, Sakata 224pts: 2, Ueda 194; 3, Tsujimura 190; 4, Raudies 162; 5, Oettl 150; 6, J Martinez (Sp) 135; 7, S Perugini (It) 106; 8, Tokudome 87. 9, Petrucciani 74; 10, H Torrontegui (Sp) 73.
Constructors world championship: 1, Honda 316pts; 2, Aprilia 276; 3, Yamaha 143.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First Division: Essex 58 Poole 38; Peterborough 65 Glasgow 29; Cradley Heath 61 Reading 35; Coventry 50 Wolves 46; Bradford 62 Arena Essex 34, Eastbourne 61 Poole 35; King's Lynn 56 Belle Vue 40. Third Division: Buxton 38. Linlithgow 38, Stoke 51 Mildenhall 25
OXFORD: Benefit challenge match: Blue Cheetahs 44 Red Rebels 34
LINLITHGOW: Challenge match: Scottish Select 38 North of England Select 40.

TABLE TENNIS

MARKET DRAYTON: European Club Cup: Women: Third round: BFL Grove 4 STK Artego 0 (Grove names first. T Fleming bt A Fratkova 21-14, 21-13. L Lomas bt I Lamcarkova 21-5, 21-7. A Gordon bt J Plaschcrova 21-17, 21-7. Lomas & Fleming bt Fratkova & Plaschcrova 21-19, 21-13.

TENNIS

ATHENS: International tournament: Semi-finals: A Berasategui (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-2, 6-7, 6-0; G Marinez (Sp) bt A Corretja (Sp) 7-6, 6-3
DUBLIN: Irish open: Semi-finals: R Vasek (Cz) bt R Thoms (Ger) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. D Prinosil (Ger) bt M Damm (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
SYDNEY: Australian indoor men's championships: Semi-finals: B Becker (Ger) bt T Woodforde (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; R Krajicek (Hol) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-1, 7-6.
TOULOUSE: Men's tournament: Final: M Larsson (Swe) bt J Palmer (US) 6-1, 6-3.
ZURICH: European women's indoor championships: Final: M Maleeva (Bul) bt N Zvereva (Bela) 7-5, 3-6, 6-4
NOTTINGHAM: LTA autumn satellite: Semi-finals: R Wassen (Hol) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-2, 6-0: D Skoch (Cz) bt P Pala (Cz) 6-3, 7-6. Women: Final: A Sidot (Fr) bt L Ahl (GB) 6-4, 6-2.
STALYBRIDGE: LTA winter series: Quarter-finals: Men: V Sundarum bt C Anders 7-5, 6-3; I Sloss bt S Keelan 3-6 6-4, 6-4

VOLLEYBALL

ATHENS: World championships: 5th place play-off: Brazil 3 Russia 0; Greece 3 South Korea 1. Semi-final: Holland 3 United States 2; Italy 3 Cuba 1. 3rd place play-off: USA 3 Cuba 1. Final: [illegible]
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: BA McGregor [illegible] (15-15-9). [illegible] 9-15, 16-14 [illegible] 1 (15-5 15-6 [illegible]) Glasgow Ragazzi 3 MO [illegible] 0 (15-12 15-8 15-2). Women: First division: Hedgehogs 3 T-Blantyre 0 (15-[illegible] 15-11 15-5); Gingerbrum C 3 Whitburn [illegible] 2 (15-12 15-7); Ruchazie J 3 Pentland [illegible] 0 (15-11 15-7 15-7); News Ayrshire [illegible] 3 Paisley Pacers 0 (15-13 15-11 15-13).

RACING

ASCOT

Going: good to firm
1.40 (1m) 1, Presenting (L Dettori, 7-4 fav). 2, Dahik (5-2): 3, Brave Revival (9-2). 4 ran. 2½l, 10l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.10 DF: £2.30 CSF: £5.67
2.10 (1m 4f) 1, Dancing Bloom (W R Swinburn, 100-30). 2, Lille Hammer (4-1). 3, Milly Ha Ha (6-1) Shomaik 5-2 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.10, £2.10, £2.20. DF: £5.00 CSF: £15.74
2.40 (5f) 1, Cape Merino (B Thomson, 12-1). 2, Royale Figurine (16-1): 3, Sir Joey (14-1), 4, Ashtina (16-1) Double Blue 6-1 fav. 23 ran. 1½l, 1½l. D Chappell. Tote: £14.10; £1.80, £5.90, £3.90, £4.00. DF: £146.30. Trio: £897.70. CSF: £175.14. Tricast: £2,478.84
3.20 (5f) 1, Millstream (J Weaver, 11-4; Private Handicapper's top rating). 2, Overbrook (13-2). 3, Raah Algharb (3-1) Fire Dome 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 4l, hd. M Johnston. Tote: £3.40: £2.20, £2.60. DF: £9.30. CSF: £17.76
3.50 (1m 2f) 1, Aljazzaf (J Weaver, 7-2 fav); 2, Airport (6-1); 3, Embankment (14-1). 11 ran. 2l, nk. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.20, £2.20, £1.60, £3.60. DF: £11.00. Trio: £66.30. CSF: £23.67. Tricast: £241.47
4.20 (7f) 1, Celtic Swing (K Darley, 11-8 fav). 2, Singspiel (9-4). 3, Winners Choice (10-1). 6 ran. NR: Al Nufooth. Caerphilly Komodo 8l, 10l. Lady Herries. Tote: £2.10, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £2.90 Trio: £5.00 CSF: £4.70
4.50 (1m) 1, Toujours Riviera (S Lanigan, 14-1). 2, Saw Mill (16-1), 3, Winter Coat (12-1). 4, Bagshot (5-1 fav). 21 ran. NR: Cajun Cadet. 1½l, 1l. J Pearce. Tote: £21.50: £5.00, £3.20, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £1,047.30. Trio: £1,505.90. CSF: £209.37. Tricast: £2,526.25
Jackpot: £10,214.40.
Placepot: £245.10. Quadpot: £49.30.

YORK

Going: good to soft
2.15 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, First Bid (A Culhane, 14-1): 2, White Willow (16-1). 3, Limosa (16-1). 4, Teacher (8-1 jt-fav) Blue Blazer 8-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. 2½l, nk. R Whitaker. Tote: £19.40, £2.90, £3.80, £9.10, £2.30. DF: £125.30. Trio: £1,072.60. CSF: £194.58. Tricast: £3,248.97
2.45 (7f 202yd) 1, Puck's Castle (M Fenton, 11-2, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap). 2, Western Reel (9-2). 3, A La Carte (7-2). Dancing Destiny 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, ½l. M Bell. Tote: £7.80, £1.90, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £11.90. Trio: £14.00. CSF: £30.32
3.15 (1m 205yd) 1, Master Beveled (J Stack, 10-1). 2, Roi De La Mer (8-1). 3, Schnozzle (10-1). 4, No Submission (20-1). Harding 7-1 fav. 22 ran. 2½l, 1½l. P Evans. Tote: £7.90: £2.40, £2.70, £1.50, £6.50. DF: £49.70. Trio: £64.50. CSF: £82.87. Tricast: £756.12
3.45 (6f) 1, Sumoquinn (R Hughes, 11-2). 2, Painted Madam (3-1 jt-fav). 3, Ginger Tree (3-1 jt-fav). 6 ran. Sh hd, 5l. M Channon. Tote: £6.80: £2.40, £2.10. DF: £10.10. CSF: £20.15
4.15 (6f) 1, Astrac (S Sanders, 14-1). 2, Be Warned (6-1). 3, Highborn (9-1). 4, Roving Minstrel (12-1). Alzianah 5-1 fav. 21 ran. 2½l, hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £27.10, £4.50, £2.10, £2.10, £6.30. DF: £93.60. Trio: £570.50. CSF: £100.78. Tricast: £766.05.
4.45 (6f 214yd) 1, Halmanerror (J Fanning, 14-1): 2, Jasdan (7-2 fav). 3, Allinson's Mate (20-1). 4, Pride Of Pendle (16-1). 27 ran. Nk, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £28.30, £5.50, £1.80, £6.10, £2.90. DF: £64.30. Trio: £634.00. CSF: £65.79. Tricast: £974.86.
5.15 (6f 214yd) 1, Murajja (R Hills, 7-2). 2, Holtye (4-5 fav). 3, Ibis (2-1). 3 ran. NR: Axeman. Hd, 4l. P Walwyn. Tote: £3.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.36
Placepot: £343.80.

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2.30 1, Caribbean Surfer (6-1). 2, North Ardar (11-10 fav). 3, Thisonesforalice (16-1). 10 ran
3.05 1, Montrave (8-1). 2, Oat Couture (20-1). 3, Red Tempest (9-1). Know-No-No 9-4 fav. 11 ran
3.35 1, Flash Of Realm (9-4 jt-fav): 2, Swift Carnage (25-1), 3, Golden Isle (9-4 jt-fav). 8 ran. NR: Judicial Field
4.05 1, Boarding School (5-1): 2, Sword Beach (Evens fav); 3, River Pearl (7-2). 4 ran. NR: On The Hooch.
4.35 1, Fortune's Girl (4-6 fav), 2, Highlandman (14-1). 3, Big Mac (7-1). 9 ran
5.05 1, Cromarty (7-4 fav). 2, Valiant Dash (11-2). 3, Crank Shaft (5-2). 10 ran.

BANGOR

2.25 1, Beatson (3-1 jt-fav). 2, Malawi (12-1). 3, Erlemo (25-1). 4, Sterling Buck (14-1). Kindle's Delight 3-1 jt-fav. 16 ran
2.55 1, Monday Club (11-4). 2, Roxton Hill (11-4). 3, The Demon Barber (14-1). Dan De Lyon 2-1 fav. 8 ran
3.30 1, Musical Trend (11-2, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Zajira (4-1 fav). 3, Fantastical (10-1). 4, Siban (25-1). 17 ran. NR: Mrs Jawleyford, Reilton
4.00 1, Petty Bridge (15-8 fav). 2, Into The Red (7-2). 3, Scotoni (9-2). 8 ran
4.30 1, Really A Rascal (8-1). 2, Walls Court (7-1). 3, Man Of The Grange (11-2). Riva 5-4 fav. 10 ran
5.00 1, Heathyards Crusade (16-1). 2, Eskimo Nel (33-1). 3, Mytton's Choice (9-2). Durham 4-1 jt-fav. 13 ran.
5.30 1, Valley Garden (7-2). 2, Huge Mistake (6-4 fav). 3, Just Marmalade (10-1). 17 ran. NR: Deep Song

WORCESTER

2.25 1, Green Lane (8-1). 2, Blackpatch Hill (6-5 fav). 3, Sylvan Sabre (12-1). 15 ran.
2.55 1, Staunch Rival (4-1): 2, Change The Act (2-1). 3, Comedy Road (9-2). Mine's An Ace 15-8 fav. 5 ran
3.25 1, House Captain (8-1). 2, Rockcliffe Lad (5-1). 3, Ace Player (6-1). Colossus Of Roads, Mr Busker 100-30 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Jibber The Kibber.
3.55 1, Touch Of Winter (11-8 fav). 2, Monksfort (7-4). 6 ran
4.30 1, Alan Ball (9-2): 2, James The First (4-1 fav). 3, Favoured Victor (14-1). 9 ran
5.00 1, Anna Valley (9-4 jt-fav). 2, Couture Stockings (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Glenfinn Princess (9-2). 5 ran

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
FA Carling Premiership
Coventry v Ipswich (Sky, 8 00).
Vauxhall Conference
Stevenage v Dag and Red (7 45)
FA CHALLENGE VASE: Preliminary round: Second replay: Skelmersdale United v Salford City; Haverhill Rovers v Sudbury Wanderers
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Bishop's Stortford.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Guiseley v Accrington Stanley; Hyde v Boston United First division: Gt Harwood Town v Gretna; Worksop Town v Farsley Celtic
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Newcastle v Blackpool (7 0); Preston v Leicester (7 0)
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton Town v Bideford.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: League Cup: Birmingham v Bath (at Sutton Town FC, 7 0) First division: Portsmouth v Millwall (7 0). Swindon v Ipswich (2 0): Tottenham v Bristol Rovers (at St Albans FC)
CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: First leg: Clitheroe v Penrith
Other match: Kidderminster v Wolverhampton.
SCHOOLS: English Schools Trophy: Second round: Bedford v South London (at Bedford Town FC.7) Broad Shield Final 93/94: Exeter v Plymouth (at Exeter Arena. 6 30). Tour match: Kent Under-19 v Western Province (SA) (at Cobdown, 2 0).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Leicester (2 00). Carlisle (1.50), Fontwell Park (2.10).
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SPEEDWAY: British league (7.30): First division: Belle Vue v Reading; Wolverhampton v Ipswich
SQUASH: Women's world team championship (Guernsey)

SCHOOLS SPORT



Victoria Drive School start another attack on the way to their 4-1 victory over St Thomas Aquinas in the Strathclyde under-15 league. Photograph: George Wilkie

RUGBY UNION

Ampleforth 8 Sedbergh 14
Bablake 10
King Edward's, Camp Hill 18
Bedford Modern 12 Haileybury 22
Canford 6 Blundell's 3
Eastbourne 3 Tonbridge 10
Mount St Mary's 7 Stonyhurst 36
Pangbourne 32 Dauntsey's 10
Truro 17 Kelly Coll 37
Barnard Castle 15 Lancaster RGS 39
Bedford 33 Stowe 6
Beechen Cliff 3 Pate's 29
Bishop's Stortford 30 Royal Hospital 9
Brighton 13 Whitgift 30
Bryanston 76 Taunton 10
Christ's Hosp 55 Worth 15
Churcher's 3 Chichester HS 29
City of London Freemen's 57 Reed's 7
Cranleigh 0 St John's, Leatherhead 6
Downside 17 Bristol GS 14
Durham 24 Edinburgh Acad 13
Enfield GS 11 St Ignatius 16
Haberdasher's Askes' 29 Watford 10
Harrow 34 St Paul's 22
Hurstpierpoint 33 Sutton Valence 0
Ipswich 15 Woodbridge 7
John Fisher 20 Hampton 7
King Edward VI, Southampton 13 St Barts 6
King's, Canterbury 27 KCS OB 0
King's, Ely 13 Wymondham 8
King's Gloucester 27 Wycliffe Coll 5
King's, Rochester 20 Eltham 19
King's, Taunton 22 Sherborne 5
King's Worcester 14 Solihull 3
Kingswood 3 King Edward's, Bath 29
Merchant Taylor's, Northwood 31 St Albans 3
Marlborough 16 Radley 12
Monkton Combe 9 St Lawrence, Ramsgate 9
Monmouth 108 Plymouth 0
Nottingham HS 12 Worksop 0
O Swinford Hosp 27 King Edward's, Camp Hill 0
Portsmouth GS 15 Lord Wandsworth 11
Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 3 UCS Hampstead 6
Queen Elizabeth Hosp, Bristol 26 Christ's Brecon 7
QEGS, Wakefield 45 Woodhouse Grove 3
St Bees 27 Morecambe HS 11
St Boniface 0 Exeter 18
St Dunstan's 20 Caterham 0
St Edward's, Oxford 7 Marling 17
St Edward's, Liverpool 53 St Bede's 0
St George's, Weybridge 57 Cedars 0
St Peter's, York 22 Hymer's 8
Stamford 3 Trent 5
Stockport 18 Sandbach 0
Tiffin 36 Emanuel 0
Trinity, Croydon 11 RGS Guildford 5
Wellington, Berkshire 12 Dulwich 9
West Buckland 23 Queen's, Taunton 5
White's 22 Loughborough 14
Windsor 18 Aylesbury 3
Wrekin 9 Bromsgrove 22.

FOOTBALL

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: First round: replays: Brent 0 Enfield 3, Huddersfield 2 Wakefield 1; Rochdale 4 Bury 1, Wolverhampton 5 Solihull 3, Worksop 3 Kettering 1 Second round: Luton 1 Watford 1. West Kent 2 Shepway 2; West Sussex 1 Spelthorne 3
LONDON CORINTHIAN SHIELD: First round: Basildon 5 Barking 1; Croydon 1 Blackheath 3.
LONDON CRISP SHIELD: First round: Redbridge 0 Newham 2.
INNER LONDON DANES FINAL 93/94: Holloway 1 Highbury Grove 2.
GOODHAND TROPHY: Nottingham 0 South Notts 2.
LANCASHIRE CUP: Pendle 1 Rossendale 3.
WOODWARD CUP: Mid-Cheshire 1 Chorley 3.
NORTHERN MERIT: Stockport 1 Leeds 2.
WEST MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Telford 2 Stoke 0.
TOUR MATCH: Middlesex 4 Western Province (SA) 1
GLYNCOED SHIELD: Cardiff 6 Ebbw Vale 0.
OTHER MATCHES
Charterhouse 0 Bradfield 1

LACROSSE

BERKHAMSTED: Girl's tournament: Semi-finals: St George's Harpenden 2 Berkhamsted 9; St Albans High 0 Haberdashers' Aske's 5. Final: Haberdashers' 3 Berkhamsted 0.
NEWBURY: Girl's tournament: 1, Downe House Newbury; 2, Queen Anne's Caversham; 3, St Bartholemew Newbury. 4, Heathfield Ascot.
Portsmouth HS 6 Fareham Flyers 2; Portsmouth HS 3 Southampton Club 1; Southampton Club 9 Fareham Flyers 1.

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Cannock 2 Reading 0; Canterbury 3 Slough 3; East Grinstead 1 Guildford 1; Havant 4 Trojans 3, Hounslow 2 Bournville 2; Hull 1 Indian Gymkhana 0; Old Loughtonians 2 Stourport 0; Surbiton 2 Southgate 2; Teddington 4 Firebrands 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O Loughtonians	5	4	1	0	14	6	13
Surbiton	5	4	1	0	13	5	13
Teddington	5	4	0	1	17	9	12
Cannock	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
Reading	5	3	0	2	10	8	9
Southgate	5	2	2	1	16	10	8
Hounslow	5	2	2	1	12	8	8
Havant	5	2	2	1	9	10	8
I Gymkhana	4	2	1	1	8	3	7
East Grinstead	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
Guildford	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
Canterbury	5	1	2	2	12	14	5
Stourport	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Bournville	5	1	1	3	9	14	4
Firebrands	5	1	0	4	4	12	3
Hull	5	1	0	4	4	12	3
Trojans	5	0	1	4	7	17	1
Slough	5	0	1	4	5	17	1

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Cambridge Univ 0 Chelmsford 1; Colchester 1 Ipswich 1; Dereham 0 Peterborough Town 1; Luton 4 Bishops Stortford 3; Redbridge and Ilford 0 Blueharts 1. Premier division B: Bury St Edmunds 1 Stevenage 0, Ipswich and E Suffolk 2 Norwich City 1; Romford 1 Old Southendian 1; Sudbury 2 Bedford 4; Westcliff 2 Pelicans 4.
SUNLIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier league: First division: Exeter Univ 2 Hereford 1; Swansea 1 Bath Buccs 1; Taunton Vale 2 Cheltenham 0; West Glos 0 Weston-super-Mare 0; Marlborough 4 Plymouth 3. Second division: Bream 0 Bristol 4; Cardiff 1 Yeovil 5; Clevedon 3 Westbury Banks 7; Marlborough 5 Robinsons 2.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Formby 3 Blackburn 0; Hightown-Northern 1 Harrogate 3; Southport 4 Ben Rhydding 3; Stockton 1 Norton 3; Warrington 0 Timperley 1.
DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLAND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 1 North Notts 2: Harbourne 1 Hampton In Arden 1; Nottingham 2 Belper 4; Olton and West Warwickshire 4 Leicester Westleigh 0.
NASTRO AZZURRO HOCKEY LEAGUE: Premier league: Ashford 6 Winchester 3: Chichester 0 Gore Court 1; High Wycombe 0 Fareham 0; Lewes 2 City Of Portsmouth 1; Lyons 0 Dulwich 0; Old Walcountians 0 Maidenhead 2; Old Whitgiftians 2 Anchorians 3; Staines 1 Spencer 1; Wimbledon 1 Oxford Hawks 1; Woking 2 Old Kingstonians 1. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 3 Blackheath 2; Crawley 2 Bognor 1; Herne Bay 3 Gravesend 0; Horsham 1 Tunbridge Wells 6; Marden Russets 4 Bexleyheath 0; Middleton 2 Brighton 0; Mid Sussex 3 Sevenoaks 0; O Bordenians 2 Beckenham 4, O Holcombeians 1 Tulse Hill 0. O Williamsonians 3 Greenwich 0. Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 2 Merton 0; Bournemouth 3 Cheam 0; Camberley 1 Oxted 1; Epsom 4 Petersfield 1; O Edwardians 3 London University 0; O Mid-Whitgiftians 1 Southampton Tautonians 2; Oxshott 2 Fleet 2; Pirelli 2 Lensbury 1; Purley 4 Hamble O B 0; Weybridge Hawks 1 Basingstoke 3. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham 4 Aylesbury 0; Bracknell 1 Richings Park 4; City Of Oxford 1 Ramgarhia 2; Eastcote 3 O M T 1; Gerrards Cross 2 P H C Chiswick 3; Hayes 3 Mill Hill 3: H C C 1 Milton Keynes 1; Headington 2 Sunbury 5; Hendon 0 Newbury 3; Wokingham 4 Marlow 1.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Bracknell 1 Balsam Leicester 1; Hightown 1 Clifton 0, Ipswich 3 First Personnel Sutton Coldfield 1; Slough 5 Chelmsford 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	3	3	0	0	9	1	9
Ipswich	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Leicester	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Hightown	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Clifton	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Bracknell	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Sutton Coldfield	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Chelmsford	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

First division: Bradford Swithenbank 4 Ealing 1, Doncaster 2 Canterbury 0; Exmouth 2 Bluehearts 0; Trojans 2 Wimbledon 3.
Second division: Pickwick 1 Sunderland Bedans 3; St. Albans 2 Woking 1; Loughborough 3 Great Harwood 3; Sherwood 0 Olton 3.

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Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath 12 Wasps 9
Bath: Pens: Callard 4. Wasps: Pens: Andrew 3.
Bristol 20 Orrell 9
Bristol: Tries: Eves 2. Denney. Con: Tainton. Pen: Tainton. Orrell: Pens: Langford 3.
Leicester 33 W Hartlepool 16
Leicester: Tries: Murphy 2, Johnson, Liley. Cons: Liley 2. Pens: Liley 3. West Hartlepool: Try: Stabler. Con: Oliphant. Pens: Oliphant 3.
Northampton 16 Harlequins 23
Northampton: Try: Hunter. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 2. Dropped goal: Grayson. Harlequins: Tries: Thompson 2, Cassell. Con: Challinor. Pens: Challinor, Greenwood.
Sale 16 Gloucester 14
Sale: Tries: Verbickas 2. Pens: Turner 2. Gloucester: Try: T Smith. Pens: Mapletoft 2. Dropped goal: Kimber.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	5	5	0	0	109	57	10
Leicester	5	5	0	0	106	55	10
Bristol	5	4	0	1	110	78	8
Harlequins	5	3	0	2	103	121	6
Wasps	5	2	0	3	144	89	4
Sale	5	2	0	3	117	106	4
Orrell	5	2	0	3	63	94	4
Gloucester	5	1	0	4	86	104	2
W Hartlepool	5	1	0	4	75	135	2
Northampton	5	0	0	5	58	142	0

LEADING SCORERS: 66: M Tainton (Bristol; 4 conversions, 19 penalty goals). 63: P Grayson (Northampton; 1 try, 2c, 17pg, 1 dropped goal). 59: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 5c, 11pg, 2dg). 50: K Oliphant (West Hartlepool; 4c, 14pg). 45: P Challinor (Harlequins: 1t, 2c, 11pg, 1dg). 44: P Turner (Sale; 10c, 6pg, 2dg). 42: J Harris (Leicester: 13pg, 1dg). 37: J Callard (Bath; 2c, 11pg). 35: M Mapletoft (Gloucester; 1t, 6c, 6pg). 29: S Langford (Orrell: 1c, 9pg); J Liley (Leicester; 1t, 3c, 6pg)

Second division

Coventry 36 L Irish 30
Coventry: Tries: Lakey, Powis. Con: Angell. Pens: Angell 5. Dropped goals: Lakey 2, Angell. London Irish: Tries: Henderson, Hennessy. Con: Corcoran. Pens: Corcoran 6.
Fylde 12 Waterloo 16
Fylde: Pens: Parker 4. Waterloo: Tries: Brennand, Ryan. Pens: Swindells 2.
Moseley 24 L Scottish 15
Moseley: Tries: Bright 2. Con: Hodgkinson. Pens: Hodgkinson 4. London Scottish: Tries: Johnston, Walker. Con: Walker. Pen: Walker.
Nottingham 9 Saracens 17
Nottingham: Pens: Gallagher 3. Saracens: Try: Butler. Pens: Tunningley 3. Dropped goal: Lee.
Wakefield 9 Newcastle G 21
Wakefield: Pens: Jackson 3. Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Archer, Penn. Con: Mason. Pen: Mason 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	5	4	0	1	98	62	8
Waterloo	5	4	0	1	86	84	8
Newcastle G	5	3	0	2	131	70	6
Moseley	5	3	0	2	84	92	6
L Scottish	5	2	0	3	102	84	4
L Irish	5	2	0	3	119	118	4
Wakefield	5	2	0	3	83	84	4
Nottingham	5	2	0	3	87	101	4
Coventry	5	2	0	3	75	113	4
Fylde	5	1	0	4	81	129	2

LEADING SCORERS: 74: M Corcoran (London Irish; 1 try, 6 conversions, 19 penalty goals). 62: M Gallagher (Nottingham; 4c, 18pg). 56: S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth: 10c, 12pg). 55: M Jackson (Wakefield, 4c, 15pg). 50: S Hodgkinson (Moseley; 4c, 13pg, 1 dropped goal). 45: R Angell (Coventry; 3c, 12pg, 1dg): A Parker (Fylde: 3c, 13pg). 41: S Swindells (Waterloo; 1c, 13pg); A Tunningley (Saracens; 1t, 6c, 8pg) 31: M Walker (London Scottish; 3t, 2c, 4pg).

Pilkington Cup

Second round

Askeans 12 Redruth 18
(after extra time)

Aspatria	23	Leeds	0
Basingstoke	13	Plymouth	10
Camp Hill	15	Liverpool SH	10
Harrogate	46	Sheffield	10
Henley	5	Launceston	27
Lichfield	24	Preston G	12
Lydney	17	Esher	15
Maidenhead	14	H Wycombe	18
Met Police	10	Havant	18
Morley	11	Rotherham	15
N Walsham	7	Exeter	32
Reading	26	Barking	15
Richmond	47	Camborne	22
Rosslyn Pk	12	Blackheath	24
Rugby	23	L Welsh	10
Ruislip	19	Clifton	20
Sandal	23	Winnington Pk	10
Scunthorpe	17	Hereford	16
Stourbridge	17	Bedford	35
Tabard	13	Weston-s-Mare	5
Tynedale	29	Otley	28
West Park	20	Broughton Pk	0
Wharfedale	32	Walsall	16

McEwan's League

First division

Boroughmuir 47 W of Scotland 17
Boroughmuir: Tries: Finney 2, Stark 2, Tukalo 2, Lineen. Cons: Easson 3. Pens: Easson 2. West of Scotland: Tries: Service, Stott. Cons: Barrett 2. Dropped goals: Barrett.
Edinburgh Ac 25 Watsonians 26
Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Newton. Con: Shepherd. Pens: Shepherd 5. Dropped goal: Hay-Smith. Watsonians: Tries: F Henderson, Hodge, Kerr. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 3.
Glasgow HK 28 Jed-Forest 5
Glasgow High Kelvinside: Tries: Little, Malcolm, Mellor, Wallace. Con: Hinni. Pen: Hinni. Dropped goal: Breckenridge. Jed-Forest: Try: Douglas.
Gala 5 Heriot's FP 3
Gala: Try: Changling. Heriot's FP: Pen: Glasgow.
Hawick 19 Currie 17
Hawick: Tries: Murray, Suddon. Pens: Welsh 3. Currie: Try: Wilson. Pens: Donaldson 4.
Stewarts Mel 20 Dundee HSFP 24
Stewarts Mel FP: Tries: Bull 2. Burns. Con: Thomson. Pen: Thomson. Dundee HSFP: Tries: Longstaff, Smith. Con: J Newton. Pens: J Newton 4.
Stirling Co 22 Melrose 15
Stirling County: Tries: Logan 2, Brough. Cons: Williamson 2. Dropped goal: M McKenzie. Melrose: Pens: G Parker 4. Dropped goal: G Parker.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glasgow HK	5	5	0	0	111	42	10
Watsonians	5	5	0	0	151	85	10
Stirling Co	5	5	0	0	91	42	10
Boroughmuir	5	3	0	2	143	81	6
Melrose	5	3	0	2	121	87	6
Heriot's FP	5	3	0	2	65	64	6
Hawick	5	2	0	3	86	88	4
W of Scotland	5	2	0	3	85	113	4
Jed-Forest	5	2	0	3	63	107	4
Gala	5	2	0	3	88	152	4
Edinburgh Ac	5	1	1	3	74	85	3
Dundee HSFP	5	1	1	3	67	80	3
Stewarts Mel	5	0	0	5	74	105	0
Currie	5	0	0	5	58	115	0

Second division

Biggar	21	Edinburgh W	10
Glasgow Ac	7	Preston Lodge	20
Gordonians	22	Wigtownshire	14
Grangemouth	15	Selkirk	27
Haddington	17	Peebles	14
Kirkcaldy	20	Corstorphine	22
Musselburgh	3	Kelso	14

Third division: Ayr 53 Royal High 6; Dunfermline 25 Dumfries 10; East Kilbride 17 Portobello FP 27; Edinburgh University 20 Stewartry 30; Hutchesons Aloysians 23 Trinity Academicals 30; Kilmarnock 14 Clarkston 15; Langholm 12 Hillhead Jordanhill 13.
Fourth division: Aberdeen GSFP 66 Highland 6; Ardrossan Accies 10 Alloa 26; Duns 37 Perthshire 9; Howe of Fife 24 Dalziel HSFP 14; Livingston 7 Glenrothes 39; Morgan Academicals 23 St Boswells 6; North Berwick 8 Cambuslang 7.

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Blackrock Col	27	Dungannon	13
Cork Cons	12	St Mary's Col	16
Instonians	27	Sunday's Well	8
Shannon	12	Old Wesley	6
Y Munster	3	Garryowen	24

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shannon	4	4	0	0	86	22	8
Garryowen	4	3	0	1	69	30	6
Blackrock Col	4	3	0	1	81	43	6
St Mary's Col	4	3	0	1	56	54	6
Instonians	4	2	0	2	50	42	4
Cork Con	3	2	0	1	51	49	4
Dungannon	4	1	0	3	41	54	2
Old Wesley	3	1	0	2	27	42	2
Sunday's Well	4	1	0	3	43	67	2
Y Munster	3	0	0	3	16	65	0
Lansdowne	3	0	0	3	32	83	0

Second division

Ballymena	9	UCD	9
Bective R	15	Bangor	6
Malone	13	Terenure Col	18
Greystones	17	Old Belvedere	29
Old Crescent	19	Dolphin	11

Club matches

Aberavon	33	Llanelli	32
Berry Hill	16	Barkers Butts	8
Birmingham	35	Stafford	24
Bridgend	52	Abercynon	7
Bridgwater	15	Worcester	22
Ebbw Vale	11	Newbridge	19
Llanharan	33	Dunvant	27
Maesteg	10	Abertillery	14
Neath	25	Swansea	3
Newport	58	Loughborough	22
Penarth	15	Pontypridd	58
Pontypool	5	S Wales Pol	8
Treorchy	46	Narberth	23
Kirkby L	6	Kendal	15
Cambridge U	23	Cardiff	69

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Third division: Aberavon Quins 6 Blackwood 3; Blaina 9 Glamorgan Wanderers 11; Builth Wells 18 Mountain Ash 15; Caerphilly 42 Pontypool United 14; Tredegar 14 Tondu 6; Ystradgynlais 17 Kenfig Hill 10. Fourth division: Glynneath 15 Whitland 30; Pyle 21 Cardiff Institute 11; Rhymney 35 Carmarthen Quins 23; St Peters 34 Kidwelly 6; Tumble 27 Llantrisant 9; Vardre 10 Oakdale 7.

International match

South Africa 42 Argentina 22
(in Port Elizabeth)
South Africa: Tries: Roux 2, Stransky, Strauss, Williams. Cons: Stransky 4. Pens: Stransky 3. Argentina: Tries: Loffreda, Pfister, Teran. Cons: Del Castillo 2. Pen: Del Castillo.

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Austria v England (7 0, Kapfenberg) Group seven: Moldova v Wales (4 0, Calarasi)
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Third division: Northampton v Mansfield
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern Section: Bradford v Huddersfield

OTHER SPORT

RUGBY UNION: Club matches (7 0): Blaenau Gwent v Ebbw Vale, Pontypool v Cardiff Institute
RACING: Chepstow (2 10), Leicester (2 00), Sedgefield (2 30)
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SQUASH: Women's world team championship (Guernsey)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: QUALIFYING: Group six: Austria v Northern Ireland (7.35, Vienna). Ireland v Liechtenstein (Lansdowne Road) Group seven: Moldova v Wales (7 0, Kishinev). Group eight: Scotland v Faroe Islands (8 0, Hampden Park)
International match: England v Romania (Sky, 8 0, Wembley)

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP. European seeding group: Wales v Italy (National Stadium 7.0).
CLUB MATCHES (7 30): West London Institute v Saracens (at London Irish RC). Ystradgynlais v Bonymaen

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S TOUR MATCH (7 30): Castleford v Australia.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division (7 30): Halifax v Warrington, Workington v Wigan

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBC international super-bantamweight championship: Naseem Hamed (Sheffield) v Freddy Cruz (Dom Rep) (ITV 10.40, Sheffield)
RACING: Exeter (2 10), Uttoxeter (2 30), Wetherby (2.20)
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SQUASH: Women's world team championship (Guernsey)

THURSDAY

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World match play championship (Wentworth)
RACING: Newmarket (C4, 1 30), Redcar (C4, 1 50), Haydock (2.30), Taunton (2 15)
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SQUASH: Women's world team championship (Guernsey)

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division (7 30): Oldham v Widnes.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World match play championship (Wentworth)
RACING: Newmarket (C4, 1 30), Catterick Bridge (2.15), Ludlow (2 25).
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SQUASH: Women's world team championship (Guernsey)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP (3.0): Arsenal v Chelsea; Aston Villa v Norwich. Blackburn v Liverpool. Crystal Palace v Newcastle. Everton v Coventry; Leeds v Tottenham, Leicester v Southampton, Manchester United v West Ham, Queen's Park Rangers v Manchester City
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division (3 0): Luton v Middlesbrough, Millwall v Stoke, Port Vale v Charlton, Portsmouth v Swindon, Reading v Bristol City, Sunderland v Burnley, Tranmere v West Brom; Watford v Notts County; Wolverhampton v Grimsby
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool v Bradford, Bournemouth v Brentford, Brighton v Birmingham; Bristol Rovers v Cardiff (12 0); Crewe v Shrewsbury. Huddersfield v Cambridge Utd, Leyton Orient v Chester, Peterborough v Stockport; Plymouth v Wycombe; Rotherham v York; Swansea v Oxford Utd; Wrexham v Hull
THIRD DIVISION: Bury v Lincoln, Carlisle v Colchester; Chesterfield v Darlington, Fulham v Exeter, Hartlepool v Preston. Hereford v Gillingham, Northampton v Barnet; Scarborough v Doncaster; Scunthorpe v Walsall; Torquay v Mansfield; Wigan v Rochdale
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Motherwell, Dundee United v Partick; Falkirk v Hibernian; Hearts v Celtic, Rangers v Kilmarnock
FIRST DIVISION: Ayr v Dunfermline, Hamilton v Clydebank, Raith v Dundee; St Johnstone v Stranraer; St Mirren v Airdrie.
SECOND DIVISION: Clyde v Brechin; Dumbarton v Stenhousemuir; Meadowbank v East Fife; Queen of South v Greenock Morton; Stirling Alb v Berwick.
THIRD DIVISION: Arbroath v East Stirling; Cowdenbeath v Forfar; Montrose v Caledonian Thistle; Queen's Park v Alloa; Ross County v Albion Rovers

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester v Bristol, Harlequins v Leicester. Orrell v Northampton. Wasps v Sale; West Hartlepool v Bath
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Llanelli v Dunvant, Neath v Newport; Pontypool v Abertillery, Pontypridd v Bridgend, Swansea v Newbridge, Treorchy v Cardiff
MCEWAN'S LEAGUE: First division: Currie v Glasgow HK; Dundee HSFP v Boroughmuir; Edinburgh Acads v Gala; Jed-Forest v Stewart's-Melville FP, Melrose v Hawick, Watsonians v Stirling County, West of Scotland v Heriot's FP

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World match play championship (Wentworth).
RACING: Newmarket (C4, 1 45), Catterick Bridge (2.05), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00), Kelso (2.10), Kempton Park (2 15), Stratford (2.25)
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SQUASH: Women's world team championship (Guernsey).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP (3 0): Ipswich v Sheffield Wednesday (Sky)
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division (3 0): Bolton v Oldham: Sheffield United v Barnsley; Southend v Derby (ITV, 2.55)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S TOUR MATCH (3 0): Halifax v Australia
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division (3 0): Bradford v St Helens, Doncaster v Castleford; Leeds v Sheffield; Wakefield Trinity v Hull (3.30), Warrington v Workington; Wigan v Salford

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World match play championship (Wentworth)
SNOOKER: New Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's tour match

Wigan 20 Australia 30
Wigan: Tries: Connolly, Offiah, Robinson, Tuigamala. Goals: Botica, Farrell. Australia: Tries: Clyde, Daley, Hancock, Mullins, Pay, Renouf. Goals: Meninga 2, Daley. Att: 20,057

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Castleford 34 Salford 6
Castleford: Tries: Blackmore, Crooks, Russell, Sampson, T Smith, Steadman. Goals: Crooks (4), Steadman. Salford: Tries: Randall. Goals: Mahon. Att: 4,016
Doncaster 0 Halifax 72
Doncaster: Tries: Bentley (3), Schuster (3), Dwony, Hagen, Hallas, Hampson, Parker, Preston, Roy, Southernwood. Goals: Schuster (10) Att: 4,384
Sheffield 38 Hull 14
Sheffield: Tries: Carr (2), Broadbent, Farrell, Powell, Sodje, Stott. Goals: Mycoe (5). Hull: Tries: G Nolan, Sterling, Vaikona. Goals: Smirk. Att: 4,500.
St Helens 25 Leeds 18
St Helens: Tries: Sullivan (2), Hunte, P Loughlin. Goals: Goulding (4). Drop Goals: Goulding. Leeds: Tries: Fallon (2), Eriksson, Iro. Goals: Cummins. Att: 9,482
Wakefield 21 Oldham 16
Wakefield: Tries: Bailey, Forshaw, Nelson. Goals: Hanlan (3) Drop Goals: Wright (2), Hanlan. Oldham: Tries: Kuiti (2), Crompton Goals: Topping (2). Att: 3,955.
Widnes 26 Featherstone 18
Widnes: Tries: Hadley, K Hammond, Makin, Singleton. Goals: Hadley (6). Featherstone: Tries: Banquet, Diver, I Ropati. Goals: Aston (3) Att: 3,977

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	9	8	0	1	256	97	16
Wigan	7	7	0	0	295	96	14
St Helens	9	6	1	2	240	195	13
Warrington	9	5	1	3	216	123	11
Castleford	8	5	1	2	222	155	11
Leeds	8	5	1	2	186	143	11
Halifax	7	5	0	2	254	101	10
Widnes	9	4	0	5	139	237	8
Sheffield	8	3	0	5	141	170	6
Doncaster	8	3	0	5	106	220	6
Wakefield	8	3	0	5	91	309	6
Featherstone	9	2	1	6	168	191	5
Salford	9	2	1	6	171	219	5
Oldham	8	2	1	5	149	253	5
Workington	7	1	0	6	81	193	2
Hull	8	0	1	7	119	232	1

Second division

Barrow	30	Leigh	32
Bramley	46	Highfield	0
Dewsbury	23	London Broncos	8
Huddersfield	46	Rochdale	12
Hull K R	52	Carlisle	0
Keighley	32	Batley	26
Ryedale York	18	Whitehaven	48
Swinton	46	Hunslet	20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	8	6	1	1	226	98	13
Hull KR	8	6	0	2	307	93	12
Leigh	8	6	0	2	247	111	12
Batley	8	6	0	2	203	121	12
Dewsbury	7	5	0	2	239	119	10
Huddersfield	8	5	0	3	227	111	10
London B	8	5	0	3	186	143	10
Whitehaven	8	5	0	3	170	158	10
Swinton	7	5	0	2	174	184	10
Ryedale Yk	8	4	1	3	225	153	9
Rochdale	8	3	0	5	188	207	6
Bramley	8	2	0	6	149	149	4
Carlisle	8	2	0	6	141	284	4
Hunslet	8	2	0	6	143	293	4
Barrow	8	0	0	8	124	317	0
Highfield	8	0	0	8	38	448	0

Age need not be a barrier to masters swimming — so come on in, the water's lovely, says **Craig Lord**

Become an old master at a stroke

So you thought you were too old to take the plunge? Think again. For these are the days of masters swimming, the aquatic equivalent of fun running in which the under-25s are confined to the stands while golden oldies and newly baptised grandmas and grandads get down to breaking world records.

In sports such as golf, master means mastery, but in the pool, the definition is fun, fitness and fellowship in an activity that is universally recommended by doctors as the best form of exercise. Masters swimming is where the thrill of competition provides incentive for the daily spill that keeps you healthy.

Age-groups are split in five-year bands from A (25 to 29-year-olds) to N (85 years and older) — and yes, there are many hundreds approaching 100 and still in the swim. With each gender and each age-group competing in races of 50, 100, 200, 400 and 1,500 metres on freestyle, and the shorter distances on butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and a medley of all four, there are 1,008 world records for the breaking.

The banding system makes masters swimming one of the few activities where growing older can be a distinct advantage. But only the result sheet keeps the generations apart: races, of one swimmer per lane, are based on speed, so you may find yourself a 30-year-old trying to save face next to a sprightly sprinter of 50 or more.

So successful has the movement become that its creator, Dr Arthur J. Ransom, an American who conceived his masters plan while a member of the Otter Swimming Club of London in 1967, could be said to have done for pool swimming what Captain Matthew Webb did for the English Channel in 1875. After Webb's 22-hour crossing in a red silk suit, the *New York Times* wrote: "Captain Webb has achieved a vast ocean of good by giving an impulse to swimming... the London baths are crowded, each village pond and running stream contains youthful worshippers at the shrine of Webb."

The youthful worshippers at the shrine of Ransom have caused masters events to flourish into the fastest-growing section of swimming and one that rivals youth events in terms of numbers: 30 former Olympians were among the 3,500 from 43 countries at the World Masters Championships in Montreal this year.

In Britain, there are more than 4,000 registered masters as ever greater numbers of clubs launch adult sections. Second to none is



Otter, founded in 1869 and one of the oldest swimming clubs in the world. Otter has a history of Olympians and national champions, yet with the development of local authority city squads in the Seventies, its fortunes declined. Masters provided both new members and a second lease of life for the club. It hosted the first British masters competition, in 1972, when amateurs and "professionals" — those, including coaches and teachers, who earn money from the sport — raced together for the first time. Permission to do so again was not granted by the Amateur Swimming Association of England until 1985, stifling development.

Last weekend, Otter, of which I am among the newest members, hosted its annual masters gala. Here was revelation to a 32-year-old whose own swimming career started with Spitzean dreams in the early 1970s in a warm and dimly-lit subterranean pool near the family home outside Lisbon, Portugal, near the place where Dr Ransom died in 1989 before being inducted into the International Hall of Fame. A far lesser accolade, that of Berkshire county champion at 200 metres medley, was my swansong in 1985.

I chose the 100 metres medley for my masters debut and was promptly disqualified for leaving the water at the end of the race without being told to do so. Oh! how swift the memories of sporting bureaucracy returned. This was not important, I said, just a bit of fun: but the niggling annoyance lingered until I won the 100 metres backstroke later. This was not important, I said, just a bit of fun: but the smug smile lingered until I reached home later.

I will be among the 1,000-plus who will race at the ASA National Masters Championships in Sheffield next weekend, part of a growing family of more than 4,000 registered masters competitors who form the tip of the growing iceberg of keep-fit swimming in Britain today. The Otter club logo for masters is self-mocking: a fat and flipper-footed otter holding a pint of ale in one hand, and a walking stick in the other.

Not entirely appropriate, according to *The Complete Book of Swimming*. Its author, Dr Phillip Whitten, an anthropologist and gerontologist who has lectured at Harvard University, notes that the swimmer is better able to control body weight, can cope with stress, is more alert, enjoys greater self-esteem, courts longevity and develops greater heart and lung capacity. Moreover, swimming, Dr Whitten's figures suggest, enhances sex and extends the sexually-active years: perhaps the reason why old swimmers never die, they just crawl away to the masters pool.

MICHAEL POWELL



Days of glory: Forbes Gentleman, fourth from the left on the back row, with the British Olympic water-polo team in 1948

A youthful Gentleman, still in the swim

A British Olympic water-polo player from the 1948 London Olympic Games, Forbes Gentleman is known to his football-loving friends as "the only Scot who went down to Wembley and didn't kick a ball".

He embraces the image warmly, but at 71 years of age he is far from ready to be referred to as a veteran: "I'm just a wee boy and that's a fact. And they'll still be saying 'look, there goes the boy Gentleman' well into the next century."

The secret of Gentleman's youthfulness is masters swimming and the City Baths in Chester, the water of which he ploughs every afternoon for three quarters of an hour from Monday to Friday, for a five-mile weekly total. You might imagine weekends to be a time of rest. Not so. Gentleman's leisure is teaching three to five-year-olds at his daughter Elizabeth's swimming school. For him it is a continuation of a lifetime in the sport, as a competitor and a coach to the City of Glasgow squad until his retirement in 1986.

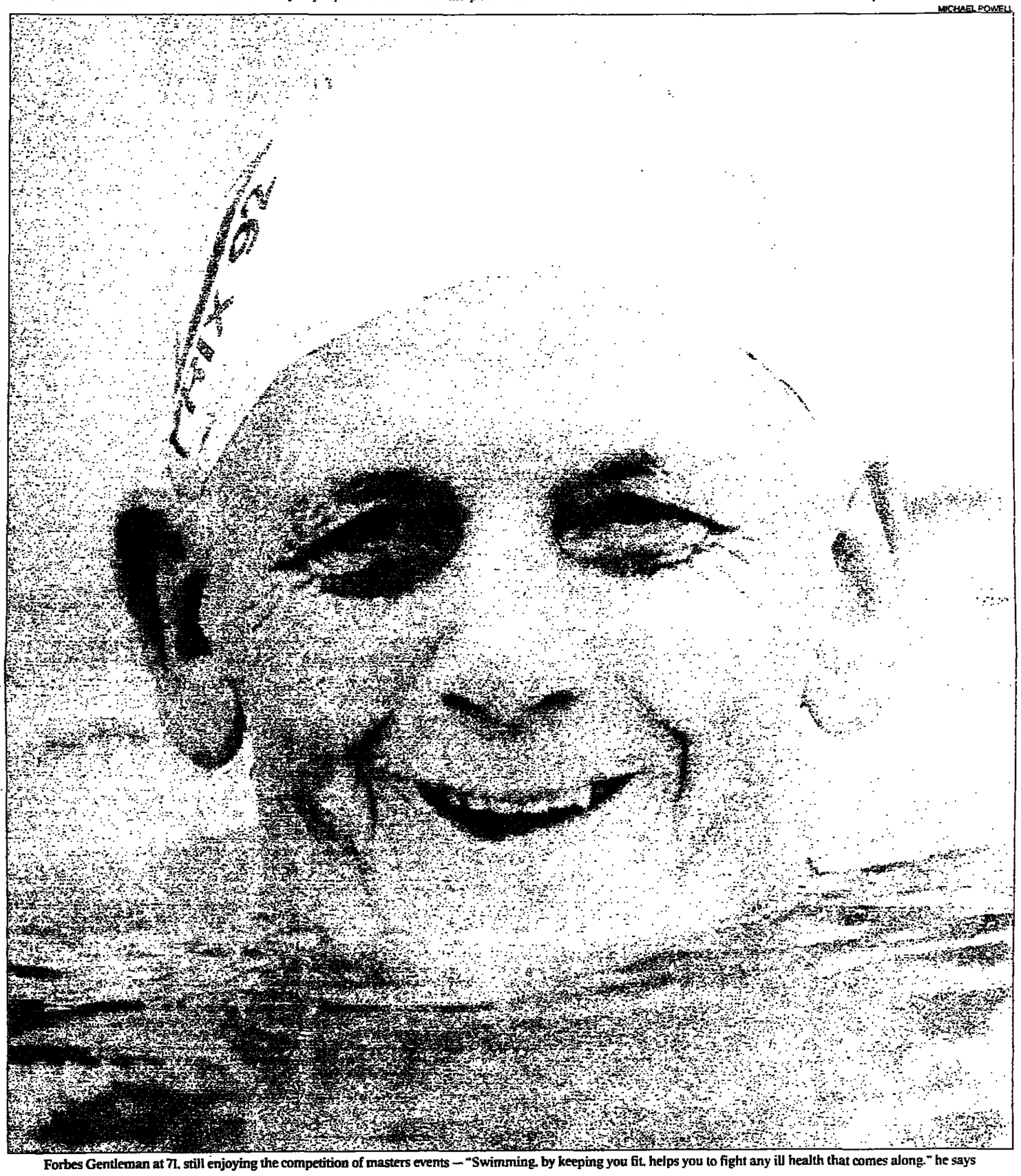
> It's great to see people starting to swim late in their lives

Like so many masters, he was lured back into the water by an illness that could have been aggravated by exercise on land. "I'd begun to suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. I started to swim again and found that the arthritis troubled me a lot less. After regular exercise in the water, it went altogether. Water supports you while you exercise and swimming, by keeping you fit, helps you to fight any ill health that comes along." The sport has also been the source of immense satisfaction and achievement for Gentleman, who has set the European record for his age group in the 200 metres medley. He will race at the ASA national masters championships in Sheffield for his former club, Motherwell, next weekend and the competitive streak is already discernible as he talks of Roy Romain and Jack Hale, contemporaries from the 1948 Olympic Games and the 1947 European Championships in Monte Carlo. Romain won the European title at 200 metres breaststroke, while Hale was the man who brought butterfly, then a new stroke, into Britain.

"Roy's still a great swimmer," said Gentleman. "And so is Jack... But the greatest thing is seeing people there that were never swimmers and have come into swimming later in life. They find masters gives them a whole new lease of life."

Gentleman recalls Monte Carlo and Wembley as highlights of his life: "Those years were great. We travelled abroad with heads high and Wembley was sensational. To hear the roar of the British crowd there is a sound that will live with me forever."

Still precious to him is "the thrill of getting up each morning feeling fit and really wanting to get going. There's nothing like swimming to give you that feeling. I'd recommend it to anyone".



Forbes Gentleman at 71, still enjoying the competition of masters events — "Swimming, by keeping you fit, helps you to fight any ill health that comes along," he says

ALBAN DONOHOE



Jane Asher, teacher of the Jets master swimming classes, in the pool at Norwich High School for Girls

Life in the fast lane with Jets propulsion

Jane Asher was 52 before she swam in her first race. A little over ten years on, she holds 33 British masters records and seven world masters records with matching titles and has travelled the world in pursuit of her aquatic ambitions.

Her story is one of triumph over adversity and is proof of claims that swimming is therapeutic. Jane's husband Robbie, a vet, died in 1991 after a three-year struggle against cancer. "For weeks, he couldn't even talk," she said. "I used to sit for hours with him. It was all so hopeless and painful. The swimming was good for my nerves. It really was a life saver for me. It calmed me and took me away from it for a while. Other people tell me the same. Masters is full of stories of people who recover from illnesses, people who have bad limbs and find freedom in water.

"After Robbie died, I swam as many meets as I could. The friendship of other masters was invaluable."

Jane had been involved in swimming as a teacher and coach before taking to the pool herself. She formed a group called Jets (Jane's Extra Training Squad) for youngsters in the Norwich area and thought it wasteful to have parents who had travelled half an hour to get to the pool sitting idle while lanes stood empty. She invited them to swim in the slow lane. Many of those became masters and competed as swimmers for the first time, while some now help Jane to run Jets.

"We're looking for some of them to take it over from me because I'm moving to London to be closer to my children and grandchildren and I don't want to see the group fold," said Jane. Whether Jets survives or not, its founder, also the driving force behind the establishment of the East Anglia Swallow Tails, one of Britain's newest clubs, is sure to. For her energies apparently know no bounds. Not content with the comparative warmth and comfort of the pool, she has strayed into open water swimming.

In Montreal this year, Jane won the 5km race along the course that hosted the 1976 Olympic rowing events. "It was very scary. You had to get in down a 12ft-wide slide. There were 400 in the race and people were quite aggressive. But I'd heard that the best route was to stick to the edge. I'd seen the Grand National and knew the horses that did best were those that kept out of trouble. At one stage I seemed to be floating past red caps and white caps, it was wonderful — then I saw the Irish champion catching up and so I sprinted the last 500 metres. I was on top of the world."

Back in the pool, Jane won several other titles but felt "cheated" that Clara Walker, American veteran of the 1948 Olympic Games, was absent. "I wasn't around then. I wanted a crack at her this time."

For all the competitive talk, she says much of the enjoyment is in being part of the masters family and recognising that you "don't have to cram success into a few short years". Her enduring rival is Flora Connolly of Scotland, two years younger and the woman who has made a name for herself breaking some of Jane's records. She recalls the sprint for home and victory in their closest tussle in the 200 metres freestyle at the European Masters Championships: "We both ended up laughing on the lane ropes waiting for the rest of Europe to catch up."

Where to go for help

☐ **Many local authority pools offer "Early Bird" swimming, sessions largely restricted to adults, while most swimming clubs offer similar sessions but with the benefits of a coach, or teacher and specific masters sections. Sessions can be as little as half an hour a week to an hour a day or more. For details, contact the local authority leisure department.**

☐ **Club information can also be obtained from: In England, the Amateur Swimming Association (0509 230431); in Scotland, the SASA on (041 641 8818); in Wales, WASA (0222 342201); and in Ireland, the IASA (010 353 1 501739).**

☐ **Publications: *Swimming Times*: Harold Fern House, Derby Square, Loughborough, Leics LE11 OAL. (0509 234433/233169). Annual subscription: £16.50. *World and Swim Magazine*, United States: PO Box 2025 Sedona, Arizona, 86339. (0101 602-2824799).**

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Sale stand firm in face of Gloucester's late surge


Teague: wearing well

Jack Bailey watches Sale's stand-off, Paul Turner, inspire his team to a 16-14 win in a match of furious pace and unpredictability

THE 15-man, open style of rugby sweeping the club scene sits somewhat uneasily on Gloucester's shoulders. It has for so long been their trademark that the only thing to be thrown around with abandon is their opponents, that this comes as no great surprise. Even so, in a match of furious pace they gave nearly as good as they got, surging back at the last gasp to exert great pressure on Sale's line and coming within an ace of making a winning score. Sale, however, held on to prevail 16-14.

Although in unfamiliar guise, Gloucester showed character. But it would have been an injustice to Sale if Gloucester's last attacking wave had succeeded.

Sale were the better versed team. Although outmanoeuvered in the lineout, they more than held their own in other forward exchanges and this gave their half backs, Saverimutto and Turner, time and room enough to show their mettle.

For all the edge obtained by West — the lift given to Sale by the crowd was as nothing compared to the lift given West by his colleagues in the lineout — and for all that England's Mike Teague, playing in his first game for his old club for three years and on his 35th birthday at that, was wearing his years incredibly well, it was Paul Turner, also 35, who took the individual honours.

He conducted Sale like a maestro. Aided by Saverimutto's quick service he created unlikely openings in attack, excelled with his tactical kicking and nursed his forwards admirably.

He also banged over two penalties shortly before half-time to equalise the score, after Mapletoft had sent Gloucester into the lead with two of his own and shortly before a long pass from Saverimutto and a long gallop by Mallinder sent Verbickas over to give Sale a five-point lead on the stroke of half-time.

At this stage, Sale's inventiveness had been all but matched by some scything tackling in the Gloucester centre where Simon Morris, leading try scorer in the first division, was outstanding in both defence and attack.

Nor could anyone have covered more ground than Dave Kearsey, as mobile a hooker as you will see. He once cut down the strong running Mark Appleson in full flight and in sight of a certain try with the game only 15 minutes old.

Appleson's fearless, elusive running remained a feature, but it was Verbickas on the opposite wing who did the scoring. Early in the second half he scored his second try, following some magic on the short side of a ruck from Turner. This not only showed why he had scored 28 tries last season, but it gave Sale a lead of 16-9 after Kimber's 30-yard dropped goal for Gloucester had brought them to within two points.

Gloucester were by no means finished. Old fashioned resilience produced territorial advantage for long periods and resulted in a move which saw Mapletoft come into the line, Holford burst through and Tim Smith forced his way over with ten minutes left.

Mapletoft missed a 40-yard penalty which would have tipped the balance Gloucester's way with five minutes remaining, but that was as close as they came.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Verbickas (2). Penalty goals: Turner (2). Gloucester: Try: T Smith. Dropped goal: Kimber. Penalty goals: Mapletoft (2).

SALE: J Mallinder; S Verbickas, J Baxendell, G Brooks, M Appleson, P Turner, C Saverimutto, N Wheeler, S Diamond, A Smith, D Baldwin, D Erskine, D O'Grady, N Ashurst, M Kennick.

GLOUCESTER: M Mapletoft; P Holford, S Morris, B Maslen, T Smith, M Kimber, B Fenley, T Windo, T Kearsey, A Deacon, D Sims, R West, M Teague, I Smith, C Raymond.

Referee: A Watson (RFU).

Orrell's blushes spared by Bristol blunders

Bristol 20
Orrell 9

BY PETER BILLS

THE name plastered across the front of the Orrell shirts seemed familiar. A Northern company, JJB Sports, is also the former sponsor of a rather well-known rugby league side, Wigan. There, alas, any comparison ends.

One team, in spite of its defeat by the esteemed Australians on Saturday, is the personification of excellence. The highest standards are rigorously adhered to in a sport where losing the ball needlessly is akin to a crime. The other, Orrell rugby union team, was guilty of that charge and many others in a perfectly uninspired Courage Clubs Championship match in the warm, sunlit West Country.

Perfect conditions in which to present the attractions of the amateur code were shamelessly squandered amid a welter of unforced errors and basic mistakes. Bristol's coach, the New Zealander Brian Hanlon, confessed: "That was our worst performance since I came here. You have to win those games by 40 points and players at this level should not be making the fundamental mistakes we made today. As for the first division, there is a hell of a big leap now from the top four sides to the bottom six."

Undeniably this is true, as is the fact that a vast and disturbing gap exists between the ball-handling of players in the world of rugby league to their counterparts in the union game. No league side would have spilled the number of simple passes Bristol, in particular, put down. Few would have squandered so much precious possession.

Auckland will play North Harbour for the New Zealand championship next weekend. Both teams built semi-final victories on powerful pack displays in on Saturday. North Harbour overcame the holders, Canterbury, 59-27 and Auckland beat Otago 33-16 after trailing 16-7 at half-time.

Bristol's pack, acknowledged by the veteran Orrell front-row man Sammy Southern, now their chairman of rugby, as the best set-piece front five in England, gained sufficient ball to win four games. Sadly, it was frittered away in a miasma of numbing errors and poor decision-making behind the scrum. The angles of running, excepting Eves and Hull, were clueless. And that was Bristol.

To see Orrell, a club of once mighty forward renown, forced consistently to retreat in the scrums as their tight-head was lifted into the air was a salutary experience. Unless Orrell unearth some forward beef soon a protracted fight against relegation beckons. Only determined tackling, a dogged refusal to give in and, most of all, Bristol's errors saved Orrell from a thrashing.

Eves was driven over for his two tries from tap penalties near the Orrell line after 15 and 50 minutes. But not until Denney's try near the end could Bristol feel safe, which was the ultimate indictment of their own failings.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Eves (2), Denney. Conversion: Talnton. Penalty goal: Tainton. Orrell: Penalty goals: Langford (3).

BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, M Denney, N Matthews, G Sharp; M Tainton, M Chudleigh; A Sharp, M Regan, D Hankins, I Patten, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, C Barnwell.

ORRELL: S Langford; J Naylor, I Wynn, P Johnson, A Healey; G Alcock, D Topping; J Russell, A Redmond, A Rimmer, P Manley, C Cooper, M Glynn, S Bibby, D Cleary. Cleary replaced by S Naylor (55min).

Referee: C Henderson (SRU).

Wasps ideal disputed by resolve of Bath



David Hands sees the flow of the London club interrupted in a 12-9 reverse at the Recreation Ground

BIG ideas are politically correct just now and nowhere in English club rugby is the idea bigger than at Wasps. Alas for the concept, their last three weekends of Courage Clubs Championship matches have produced a nil return, yet Wasps are not for turning. They believe that their broad, adventurous game is the way forward and though it has already cost them, in all probability, a say in this season's league title, their colours are nailed firmly to the mast.

Big ideas, of course, are not always the finished product. Adopting an article of faith is one thing; making it work in a naughty world is quite another and there is an element of romance in Wasps' all-running, all-passing game that, more often than not, will come to grief against well-rehearsed opponents.

There is an element of cynicism in top-class sport, induced by the "need-to-win" syndrome, which at the Recreation Ground on Saturday left Wasps bemoaning both the approach of their opponents and the frailties of referees. Their game is dependent upon quick possession, particularly from rucks and mauls, and in their last two games they have met two masters at denying early ball, Dean Richards, of Leicester, and Andy Robinson, of Bath.

One does it by sheer strength, the other by artful insinuation so that, for all the pleasure Wasps created — "stunning rugby", Jack Rowell, the England manager, called it — they only twice came within spitting distance of the Bath line, by virtue of deft kicks, and promptly conceded the positions by being penalised.

To be fair they also twice worked a player free with nobody between him and the line 60 metres away; unfortunately the player was Jeff Probyn, 38 years young and not, at the best of times, built for speed.

That Bath won by four penalty goals kicked by Callard to three kicked by Andrew, thereby creating in a game far more attractive than the scoreline suggests a national league record of 16 consecutive wins, will matter rather less to them than the manner in which they failed to take the tries their virtues created. Bath offered the variation that Wasps lack, never more than when their forwards streamed away in close formation and their backs chimed in with a movement of width that must have brought a try had not a criminally poor pass to de Glanville prevented what Wasps could not.

"I would have expected my under-14 B class to have scored that," Brian Ashton, Bath's coach, said in the knowledge that a probable 19-3 difference might have changed the face of the game. "But I find it interesting the way Wasps are trying to play the game and I have learnt a lot."

At its best, the fluid Wasps approach reduces the number of set pieces so beloved of the English game and keeps defenders chasing shadows but it lacked the midfield bite that the injured Damian Hopley might have provided.

"The English game is in the process of moving away from the set pieces and players will take time to adjust," Ashton said. So will referees: a week earlier, against Leicester, Wasps encountered Stewart Piercy, who blew very quickly at ruck or maul. On Saturday, Eddie Murray, from Scotland, lingered longer, presenting yet again the stylistic attitudes which southern-hemisphere players, broadly speaking, do not get from their officials.

"There is no point coming down here just to try and stop Bath winning," Dean Ryan, the Wasps captain, said. "We came to impose our own style and to have had that many opportunities of winning, something must be working."

When the grounds get softer and the weather harsher, Ryan's side may have to compromise and also keep hold of their frustrations, which might have cost them Hadley's services for punching and brought a stern warning to Ryan for climbing into a ruck two metres from the Bath line. Otherwise, their romance may not have a happy ending.

SCORERS: Bath: Penalty goals: Callard (4). Wasps: Penalty goals: Andrew (3).

BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, E Rayner, A Adebayo; M Catt, I Sanders; D Hilton, G Dawe, J Mallett, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman. A Robinson, B Clarke. Mallett replaced by C Clark (55 min).

WASPS: J Ufton, S Hunter, G Childs, A Thompson, S Pilgrim, R Andrew, S Bates, D Molloy, K Dunn, J Probyn, D Ryan, M Greenwood, N Hadley. C Wilkins, T Dallaglio. I Dunston temporary replacement for Probyn (7min).

Referee: E Murray (Scotland).

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MARC ASPLAND


Rodber, left, and Moore contemplate the contrasting fortunes of their sides during their meeting at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday

Rodber rousing but Moore in command

Northampton 16
Harlequins 23

BY BRYAN STILES

NORTHAMPTON supporters greeted the news that Ian McGeechan had taken up residence in the town on Thursday with sighs of relief. They felt that at last their ailing team would get the guidance needed to help it to reproduce former glories. After this defeat on Saturday, many are fearful that he has arrived too late.

Northampton succumbed to their fifth defeat in five Courage Clubs Championship first division games and lie at the bottom of the league table, locked in a cycle of defeat from which it is proving seemingly impossible to escape.

But McGeechan, the new director of coaching at Franklin's Gardens, who coaxed wonderful performances from unlikely looking Scotland teams, sees hope. "There are no panic bells ringing yet and there is ground for optimism," he said. "Look at what happened to us today: we gave away two soft tries, we missed two or three penalties and we had what seemed to be a perfectly good try disallowed. We are giving points away and it is nullifying all the good rugby this team is playing."

McGeechan may not be panicking but his players were in the final quarter of the match, when Harlequins were leading and Northampton saw another defeat looming. The pressure led to poor decision making which snuffed out moves that could have won the match. Instead, it often presented the visitors with possession and allowed them to dictate the shape of the game in the fraught final minutes.

It is the questionable decision making of key players that McGeechan will be concentrating on in the next training sessions, bearing in mind he has a young team in his charge. Tim Rodber, the Northampton captain, is sure that McGeechan will bring back confidence to a side that has promised so much in recent seasons.

Rodber, an army lieutenant stationed in York, led his men from the front, always in the thick of the gruelling battle against a pack that was often galvanised by the exhortations of their hooker and captain, Brian Moore, his England team-mate.

Rodber's game did not seem to be affected by his team's plight at the foot of the table. Unluckily for Northampton, however, he strained a leg muscle in the 59th minute and it slowed him up just when his team needed him most.

Moore sympathised with Rodber but was grateful to leave with a win which lifted Harlequins to fourth place in the table and demonstrated that he commanded a team that could last the full 80 minutes after several late collapses this season. Moore, having led his side out of the danger zone, is puzzled that such talented opponents as Northampton should not have picked up a league point so far. But he feels that in McGeechan they have a psychologist who will turn things around.


McGeechan: optimistic

Moore tore around the pitch, determined to lead by example. Even when Northampton were taking their penalty goal attempts and a hush descended he could be heard haranguing his charges at the top of his voice. If Rodber is an officer, then Moore must be the sergeant major of any pack in which he plays.

He did not need to inspire his back-row trio of Jenkins, Cassell and Sheasby, however. They were outstanding, punching holes in the Northampton defence and laying the foundations for two tries by Thompson. Cassell went further and snapped up an enterprising try himself.

Northampton were ahead only once, when Hunter scored a splendidly worked try in the eighteenth minute following a penalty goal apiece from Challinor and Grayson. Cassell's sharp reflexes brought the score to 10-10 when he clung on to a full-blooded clearance from Hunter on the 22 and raced through a disorganised defence to score.

Despite having their injured stand-off, Challinor, replaced by Wright, a scrum half, in the 38th minute, Harlequins led 15-13 at the interval following a try by Thompson. Northampton became ever more desperate in the second half when they failed to breach the try-line. They might have achieved their aim had they fed Thorneycroft, their ebullient wing, more often.

As they panicked so Harlequins found gaps in their defence and a miss-pass by Wright sent in Thompson for his decisive try.

SCORERS: Northampton: Try: Hunter. Conversion: Grayson. Dropped goal: Grayson. Penalty goals: Grayson (2). Harlequins: Tries: Thompson (2), Cassell. Conversion: Challinor. Penalty goals: Challinor, Greenwood.

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; F Packman, N Beal, R MacNaughton, H Thorneycroft; P Grayson, M Dawson; M Hynes, P Roworth, C Allen, S Foale, J Phillips, M Bayfield, A Pountney, T Rodber.

HARLEQUINS: W Greenwood; J Kayler, W Carling, J Alexander, G Thompson; P Challinor, R Kilchin; J Leonard, B Moore, N Collins, R Jenkins, P Threlfer, T Coker, J Cassell, G Sheasby. Challinor replaced by C Wright (38min); W Davison temporary replacement for Coker.

Referee: J Pearson (Durham).

Van der Berg picked for tour party

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ELANDRE van der Berg, the Eastern Province forward who gained notoriety — in English eyes at least — for the injury inflicted on Jonathan Callard in Port Elizabeth last June, is included in the South African touring party which arrives next week for a 13-match tour of Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Van der Berg, 27, was involved in the stamping incident which left Callard, the England full back, requiring 24 stitches in facial wounds. However, two subsequent inquiries absolved him of "wilful" intent, a decision which left the Rugby Football Union planning the removal from the law books of the word wilful.

"I've spoken to Elandre about the incident with Jonathan Callard and he told me he didn't mean to rake the guy's face," Kitch Christie, the South African coach, said after yesterday's announcement of the tour party. "Eastern Province cited him, and they cleared him. Then a Sarfu inquiry cited him, and they cleared him. I reckon we've got to give the guy the benefit of the doubt and get on with it.

"We're coming to Britain to play hard, fast, exciting rugby as a very disciplined side. No-one's coming to fight." If Christie can achieve that he will do well: no South African side since their re-emergence in 1992 has avoided a foul-play controversy of some kind against touring sides, either at home or away, though the present series against Argentina, which began with a 42-22 victory in Port Elizabeth on Saturday, may prove an exception.

Johan Roux, the Transvaal scrum half, who scored two of South Africa's five tries on Saturday and has played in all his country's internationals this year, misses the tour because he needs a knee operation. The vacancy goes to Kevin Putt, Natal's New Zealand-born scrum half.

Putt, 29, is one of six uncapped players in a party showing substantial change from that which toured New Zealand only two months ago. Half of the 36 players used on that tour have been discarded and only seven survive from the 1992 South Africans who toured France and England.

SOUTH AFRICAN TOURING PARTY: Full backs: G Johnson (Transvaal), A Joubert (Natal). Wings: C Badenhorst (Orange Free State), P Hendriks (Transvaal), J Small (Natal), C Williams (Western Province). Centres: J Mulder (Transvaal), P Muller (Natal), C Scholtz (Transvaal), B Venter (Orange Free State).

Stand-off halves: H le Roux (Transvaal), J Stransky (Western Province). Scrum halves: K Putt (Natal), J van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal).

Props: I Hattingh (Transvaal), T Laubscher (Western Province), P du Randt (Orange Free State), S Swart (Transvaal). Hookers: J Dalton (Transvaal), U Schmidt (Transvaal). Locks: M Andrews (Natal), D Hattingh (Northern Transvaal), P Schutte (Transvaal), K Wiese (Transvaal). Flankers: E van der Berg (Eastern Province), R Kruger (Northern Transvaal), F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), R Straeuli (Transvaal). No 8: C Strauss (Western Province), G Teichmann (Natal). Manager: J Engelbrecht. Coaches: G Christie and G Pienaar.

ITINERARY: October: 22 v Cardiff; 26 v Wales A (Newport, 7.0); 29 v Llanelli. November: 2 v Neath (7.0), 5 v Swansea, 9 v Scotland A (Melrose, 2.0), 12 v Combined Scottish Districts (Old Anniesland, Glasgow), 15 v Scottish Select (Aberdeen, 2.0), 19 v Scotland (Murrayfield); 22 v Pontypridd (2.30), 26 v Wales (Cardiff Arms Park); 29 v Combined Irish Provinces (Belfast, 7.0). December: 3 v Barbarians (Dublin).

Murphy's law lets Leicester rule

Leicester 33
West Hartlepool 16

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

FROM the way Leicester overran West Hartlepool in the last 15 minutes on Saturday, their "horses for courses" selection policy obviously extends to their playing of the game.

The previous weekend, they had been sucked — some suggest suckered — by Wasps into a battle of the boot, and entering the last quarter there were no signs that anything had changed. Then, with the Welford Road faithful getting restless and the autumnal evening drawing in, they appeared to realise that it was, after all, "only" West Hartlepool and the mood changed.

Three tries sent out a warning that they will, once again, offer a sustained challenge at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship.

That selection policy, disguised publicly as a "rota system" — a definition that will fool neither Bath nor Wasps, nor any other title contenders — meant that Leicester met West without Tony Underwood (wing), Jez Harris (stand-off half) and Richard Cockerill (hooker). However, there was an ironic twist in the sub-plot that turned the game their way approaching half-time, and the gentleman concerned played significantly more than a bit part as they took control.

With his side unimpressively 9-6 ahead, Matt Poole, the Leicester lock, left the field after 31 minutes with a broken thumb. Within five minutes, John Murphy, his replacement, in only his third league game for the club, had got the touch after a forward drive had advanced one of Martin Johnson's many clean takes at the lineout.

From a player in the back row (Dean Richards had moved up to lock), the try did not seem too significant, and as the second half wore on, it was looking little more than a statistic. But when West levelled at 16-16 — Stabler feeding Hodder, his captain, on the narrow side of a scrummage 15 metres out, then collecting the unexpected pass inside to score — and the wise money shifted towards an upset, Murphy took up the challenge. He appeared on the left wing to supply the telling feed to Liley and, four minutes later, crashed over himself after Richards and Back had made ground wide on the left.

Before the dust had settled, Murphy was there again, driving through to set up a ruck from which Johnson sealed the points that sent the crowd home happy. Over Saturday tea, they probably reflected that it was almost so very different. But as West realised, that is Murphy's law.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Murphy (2), Liley, Johnson. Conversions: Liley (2). Penalty goals: Liley (3). West Hartlepool: Try: Stabler. Conversion: Oliphant. Penalty goal: Oliphant (3).

LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, D Edwards, S Potter, R Underwood; N Malone, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, G Johnson, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson; M Poole, N Back, D Richards. Poole replaced by J Murphy (31min).

WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant; K Whitaker, A Elwine, P Hodder, D Cooke, J Stabler; D Patterson, D Rusby, S Mitchell, M Shalley, D Mitchell, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, M Watson. Cooke replaced by W Ridley (71).

Referee: D McHugh (Ireland).



England's vintage blend craves World Cup vindication



Guscott: returning soon

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Seldom in England's chequered rugby union history has a group of players fixed its sights with such intensity on one end: the 1995 World Cup. The desire to achieve has been there many a time but this season it is easy to identify a select band of players for whom the Webb Ellis trophy has become as the Golden Fleece was to Jason.

Check them off: Andrew, Dawe, Moore, Morris, Richards, Rory Underwood, all past 30; for whom international rugby has become a way of life for anything between six and ten years. Only one so far, Dewi Morris, has confirmed his intention to retire after the World Cup next summer but it would be no surprise were others to join him. They have, after all, little to prove.

Only perhaps to themselves. There is a long drawn-out parallel with the rite of passage of 1990, when the team that lost the grand slam to Scotland hardened its heart, changed its style and subsequently won two grand slams and a place in the 1991 World Cup final. That November final at Twickenham is the only blot on the collective escutcheon of these players: defeat by Australia in a game so many of them believe they could have won.

Hence the hungry regard for next summer in South Africa — the end of the line if, this time, they could achieve victory. But is it a realistic ambition, particularly in the light



of their experience in South Africa last summer?

The omens initially have been good. If Wellington believed Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, maybe a World Cup can be won on the playing field of Marlow, where the England training squad, at its own request, meets regularly. The presence of Pierre Villepreux, the prophet without honour in his own land, will help put an extra gloss on their technique.

There are even signs that Jeremy Guscott, one of the few nonpareils of English rugby, will have a part to play sooner rather than later. Guscott, absent for the best part of a year because of a pelvic injury, hopes to be playing again next month, although England cannot consider him for the first of their pre-Christmas internationals, against Romania, in November.

It would present Jack Rowell, the manager, with a neat problem. It is arguable that the best English centre over the past year has been Philip de Glanville, Guscott's colleague at Bath. But within the last month Will Carling's place as captain up to the World Cup has been confirmed and three centres into two will not go. First, however, Guscott needs to establish his fitness. Until he does so the selectors should exclude him from their plans. The same stricture applies to David Pears, Ian Hunter and Matthew Dawson.

Rowell must decide whether the tournament will be won more easily by winning all the matches that precede it, or whether the six domestic internationals to be played between now and next March can be regarded as dispensable, opportunities to test such players as Graham Rowntree, Mike Catt or Simon Shaw.

The argument runs that consistency of selection, taking each game as it comes, will produce in the long term the more effective combination. But England do not have a long term. They know they have resources which, as they showed in midweek games in South Africa this year, need to be tapped in international matches to see if the necessary mental toughness is there. It seems likely, therefore, that if only against Romania and Canada, both of them World Cup-bound, England could put international caps up for grabs.

Touring team's first-half rout of club champions poses serious questions for Britain coach

Australians leave Hanley with little time to bridge gap

Wigan	20
Australian XIII	30

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BEFORE finalisng his 19-man squad today for the forthcoming John Smith rugby league international series with Australia, Ellery Hanley could be sorely tempted to fast forward the video of Saturday's match to thesecond half, an altogether upliting experience after the earier damage inflicted on Wigar (aka Great Britain).

That way, too, the Britain coach would avoid the sickening sight of one of his prop forwards fracturing a thumb and another presumably casting for a video nasty. Kelvin Skerrett is doubtful even for the second Test a Old Trafford. Although a worthy understudy to take over at Wembley on Saturday week, Barrie McDermott mighthave to rely before then on the three-man international board disciplinary panel.

At a point in the first half when the Wigan park appeared to be stuck in slow motion, McDermott certainly added some spark. On one occasion, his elbow came into contact with the face of Paul Sironen, the second-row forward, an incident now being taken up by John Quayle, chief executive of the Australian League, after a protest by the tour management.

In the bad old days of the Seventies and early Eighties, when Britain were being similarly mauled by the Kangaroos, their answer was to fight back, in the literal sense, but McDermott said there was no intent on his part to harm Sironen. However, neither Sironen himself nor Bobby Fulton, Australia's coach, was convinced.

"If our players are guilty of anything like that, we expect them to be cited," Fulton said. There were few gripes, understandably, as to Australia's overall performance but Fulton had plenty about the referee, David Campbell.



McDermott: added spark

After doing their own destruction job on the English and world club champions in the first 40 minutes, Australia's discipline and control afterwards did suffer by comparison but shots against the referee were unworthy. Australia, after all, will have their own officials in charge of the international matches.

Wigan's response to their first-half hiding was admirable. Tuigamala fly-kicking and hacking his way through a thicket of defenders down the left touchline was an encouraging sight — but in the context of what Britain must do in 12 days, it was the sinking sensation produced by what preceded it that mattered most.

By the time the foot came off the accelerator, Australia were 20 points to the good. Everything about these Kangaroos has overtones of 1982. That benchmark tour introduced rugby league from a different plane entirely. The time since has been spent toiling to close that gap only for Britain to find that Australia have now blown it open once more.

The mistake made was in asssuming that Australia would somehow stand still. At a wide-eyed Central Park, Wigan and Britain learnt that in terms of speed and movement of the ball, support play, off-loading ability and forward strength, there is a lot of catching up to do in very little time.

With perhaps the exception of their goalkicking, Hanley has precious few weaknesses to go on. Some things are obvious. Far more attention must be paid to Walters. The hooker had a free ride at dummy half much of the afternoon. Then there is the need to speed up around the play-the-ball, where Australia are lightning fast.

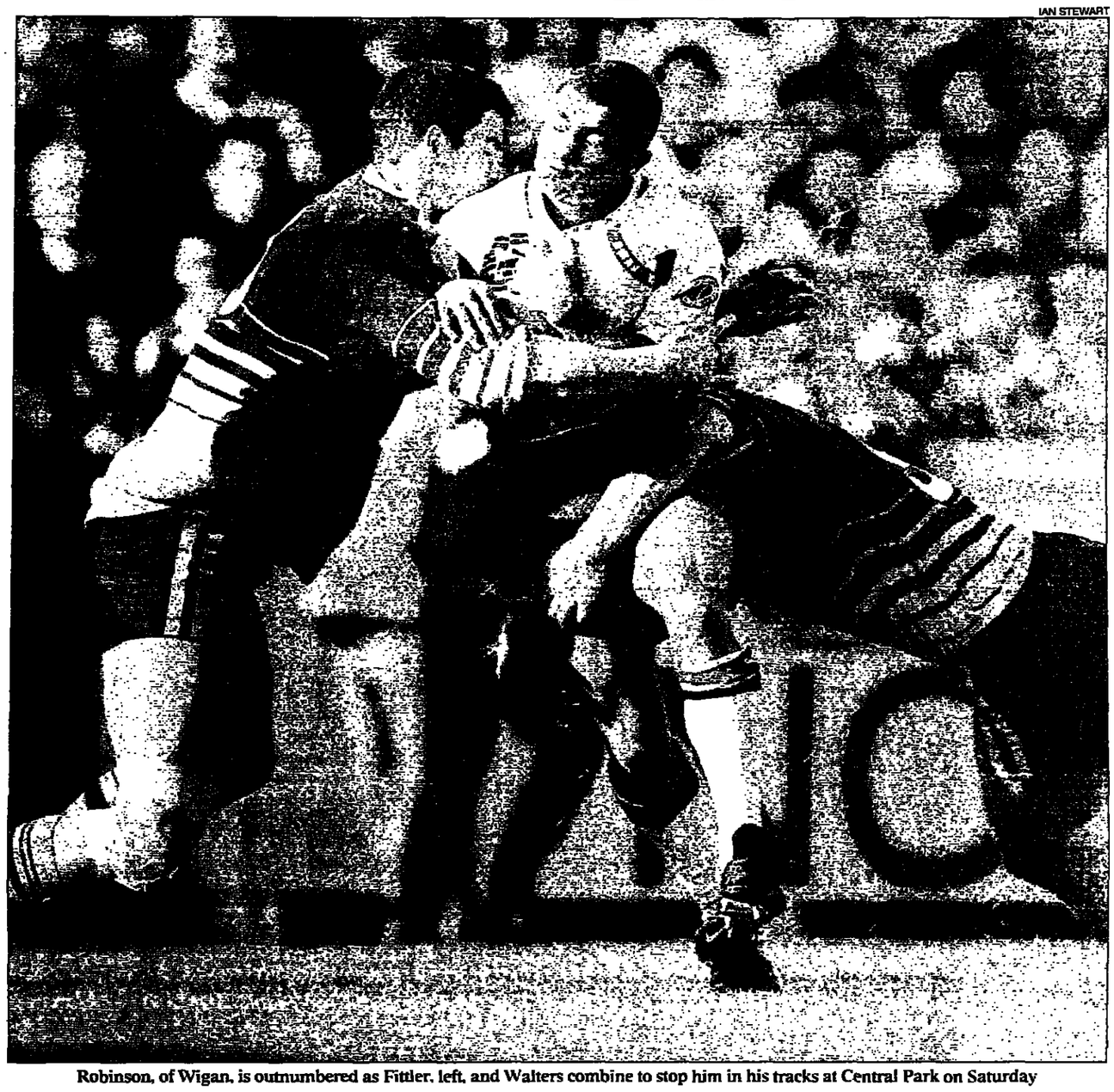
As Wigan, dispirited and perhaps disbelieving, trudged off at the interval, their failure to tackle, tackle and tackle some more — the only way these Australians can be stopped — had left them in tatters. A try by Hancock in injury time was, in its way, the worst of all, as he easily stepped in off his wing for a score no side worth its salt should concede.

Renouf and Daley, revelling in the acres of space, scored long-range tries, and Pay, a stunning new find at prop, created one and added another of his own. It was only damage limitation thereafter. Wigan restored some pride, winning the second half 14-4, but British confidence had already taken a fearful knocking.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Robinson, Tuigamala, Connolly, Offiah. Goals: Botica, Ferrell. Australians: Tries: Clyde, Pay, Daley, Renouf, Hancock, Mullins. Goals: Meninga (2), Daley.
WIGAN: G Connolly, J Robinson, H Paul, V Tuigamala, M Offiah, F Botica (sub: P Atcheson, 40min), S Edwards, K Skerrett (sub: B McDermott, 35; sub: T O'Connor, 74), M Hall, N Cowie (sub: M Cassidy, 26). D Betts, A Farrell, P Clarke
AUSTRALIANS: B Mullins (Canberra), M Hancock (Brisbane), M Meninga (Canberra), S Renouf (Brisbane), W Sailor (Brisbane), L Daley (Canberra), R Stuart (Canberra), D Pay (Canterbury), S Walters (Canberra), I Roberts (Manly), P Sironen (Balmain), (sub: D Fairleigh, North Sydney, 40, B Clyde (Canberra), B Fittler (Penrith: sub: S Menzies, 75).
Referee: D Campbell.

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IAN STEWART



Robinson, of Wigan, is outnumbered as Fittler, left, and Walters combine to stop him in his tracks at Central Park on Saturday

Saints continue climb as Sullivan strikes

ST HELENS, unbeaten in seven rugby league games, maintained their climb up the Stones Bitter championship first division table reaching third place with a 25-18 defeat of Leeds yesterday at Knowsley Road.

The visitors may have a case to answer about a forward pass for the second of Anthony Sullivan's tries or the left flank, which proved decisive as Saints withstood a Leeds rally including two second-half touchdowns by Jim Fallon. Another fine display by Bobby Goulding, the St Helens scrum half, was a persuasive case for his inclusion by Great Britan.

St Helens have taken significant strides since the embarrassment of a home defeat by Doncaster on the opening day of the season. After a brief dalliance at the top of the championship, Doncaster are into freefall. They endured their joint worst-ever margin of defeat, a 72-0 hiding by Halifax. It was a fourth successive win for Steve Simms, Halifax's new coach, whose side scored 13 tries including three apiece by John Bentley and John Schuster.

Castleford ended a run of three games without a win by overcoming Salford 34-6. All six tries, by Richard Russell, Lee Crooks, Dean Sampson, Graham Steadman, Tony Smith and Richard Blackmore, were solo efforts.

On his return to Wakefield Trinity on loan from Wigan, Nigel Wright inspired a 21-16 defeat of Oldham. Widnes maintained a 17-year record of beating Featherstone Rovers at Naughton Park with a 28-18 win. Hull went down 38-14 at Sheffield Eagles.

Faster, higher, stronger — slower too

CLEMENT FREUD



Afterthoughts

The Tokyo Olympic Games began 30 years ago this week. In Britain, the Games are remembered as Mary Rand's, Ann Packer's and Lyn Davies's Olympics.

For us working journalists, it was the Olympics where too little happened at the beginning and too much at the end. The Olympiad where nobody quite knew how to get to where things were going on:

I asked the porter of the New Otani Hotel to write down "Waseda Hall" to show my driver ... and 15 minutes later he gave me a foolscap sheet of closely written hieroglyphics which translated: "I, a humble friend from the far side of the world, express my sincere good wishes to the exalted operators of the taxometer cabriolet company of Tokyo and their honourable staff whom I humbly beg to transport my unworthy person, if this should not cause undue problems, to the location at the extreme southern end of the city which is sometimes known as ..."

It was the Olympiad where language difficulties forced us to con our way into locations — I gained access to the enclosure of the Korakuen Ice Palace by showing commissionaires the parchment lease of a semi-detached house in Bayswater that I happened to have in my briefcase.

Athletics did not start until day four and opened with the 100 metres heats on a wet and dismal morning. There were three false starts before heat one was effortlessly taken by Hayes, of the USA.

"The winner's time was 9.3 seconds," announced the man on the public address system: not long after that he announced: "Correction. 10.2 seconds." So are world records not achieved.

At the previous Games, in Rome, the 10,000 metres had been the opening event. In Tokyo, it was held on the Wednesday afternoon and provided one of the most outstanding practitioners of Baron de Coubertin's philosophy that competing is more important than winning.

Billy Mills, an American with Red Indian ancestors, took the gold. Karanunanda, of Ceylon, first came to the notice of the 70,000 spectators at the end of the first lap, when he was 150 metres adrift of the leaders.

A minute or two after the tape had been broken, and the stars-and-stripes waving crowd's cheers had dimmed to a buzz, Karanunanda was the only man on the track. The crowd, who care for that sort of thing, applauded him all the way and cheered as he passed the winning post.

Karanunanda ran on. The crowd, slightly bemused, continued to applaud and gave a better, louder cheer when he completed that lap — but the old boy had counted his circuits and went on. Never in the history of world athletics can more people have witnessed a man running so slowly. Round the track he laboured and the crowd clapped as he ran, cheered when he got to the post, groaned when he ran on. Finally, some 35 minutes after the start, he came to a halt, his laps completed, his duty done.

Officials waved a white flag either in submission or to show that they agreed with his lap count and the man who had occupied an Olympic running track longer than anyone, anywhere, ever, gave a modest smile and disappeared from sight.

Thompson doubles up

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

OLD Loughtonians moved to the top of the men's first division in the National Hockey League yesterdayafter a 2-0 victory over Stourport at home. Nick Thompson, the England squad player, scored both goals.

Stourport, forced onto the defensive for long periods, could not counter the speed and superb teamwork of Old Loughtonians, who could have won more comfortably.

Thompson's first goal was scored in the eleventh minute after a quick interchange with Philpot. He added the second in similar fashion ten minutes after the interval with help from Cooper, but a good save by Taylor at a short corner deprived him of his third goal in the closing minutes. Stourport raised their game in the second half and gathered speed towards the end, but to no avail.

Surbiton, who drew 2-2 with Southgate, finished the day with the same tally of points and the same goal difference as Old Loughtonians, who gained precedence by virtue of having scored one more goal.

Molloy and Notton scored for Surbiton, with Welch and Thorpe replying for Southgate, who earned only one short corner and conceded seven, none of which was converted.

McGuire scored twice for Teddington in their 4-3 victory over Firebrands, with Billson and Osborne adding to the score. Tredgett scored for Firebrands.

Whereas Cannock maintained their unbeaten record with a 2-0 victory at home over Reading, Indian Gymkhana were beaten 1-0 on their visit to Hull, for whom Borman scored in the 57th minute from a short corner.

Havant beat Trojans 4-3 in an exciting derby, with Giles scoring three times for Havant to add to Lawson's goal, and Julian Archer (2) and Weindauer scoring for Trojans. Between the 31st and 34th minutes, Havant were reduced to eight men, with Cunliffe, Avery and Lawson put under temporary suspension. They were short-handed when Archer scored his first goal.

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Ipswich avenge defeats

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT HAS taken only three weeks but already the great divide has appeared between the title contenders and the rest in the premier division of the women's national hockey league.

As Slough and Ipswich maintained their 100 per cent records with the greatest of ease, they opened up a four-point lead. It may not sound like much but with Leicester and Hightown struggling to score goals, such a sprint start may prove crucial when the championship is decided.

Ipswich's 3-1 win over Sutton Coldfield on Saturday was at last proof that they have the power to stamp their authority again.

The victory was particularly sweet as Sutton beat them three times last season in the cup and league.

In their opening two fixtures Ipswich had missed a host of chances. But then Sutton, too, had not had the best of starts, with their defence looking as watertight as a broken colander.

On Saturday it was Ipswich who set the early pace and for once it brought dividends. Within five minutes Sarah Barnfield had given them the lead after Lucy Youngs had created the chance by reaching the byline and delivering a telling cross.

It took only another ten minutes before Tracey Fry converted a penalty corner and ten minutes from half-time Sandie Lister scored the third.

Sutton's reply came from Jane Sixsmith. Only after the break did they begin to press with any real conviction but by then Ipswich were battening down the hatches.

Sutton's consolation goal came ten minutes from time when Natalie Hannah, a 16-year-old making her first-team debut, popped up unmarked on the left of the circle and banged in her shot.

At the same time, Slough were keeping their noses in front at the top of the table on goal difference with a 5-1 thrashing of Chelmsford. Mandy Nicholls scored three and Helen Thornally and Karen Brown one each. Chelmsford's first goal of the season came from Kath McDonald.

Lyle inspires Devils to unexpected win

BRITISH ice hockey clubs have a poor record in the European Cup and Cardiff Devils headed for Tilburg at the weekend expecting to win one of their three games at best against the host club (Norman de Mesquita writes).

In fact, they sprang a big surprise by beating Sokol Kiev 6-2 in their opening fixture, a remarkable scoreline considering that they lost 9-1 to Kiev last year. The Devils' leader was 14-year-old Steve Lyle, who had to take time off from Llanrumney High School in Cardiff and who gave an astonishing display in goal, keeping Kiev scoreless for the first two periods.

By the time he was beaten, Cardiff led 5-0 and the spoils were theirs. Unfortunately, Lyle could not repeat his feat the next day and the Devils went down 7-4 to Tilburg.

In the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, Nottingham Panthers gained their expected first-leg win over Slough Jets, but the Jets were unfortunate to lose their key player, the goaltender, Charlie Colon, with a thigh injury early in the second period.

☐ Bob Goodenow, the executive director of the National Hockey League Players' Association, said that his union would put forward new proposals today in the effort to break the deadlock over a new collective-bargaining agreement. The failure of talks has already caused a two-week postponement of the season.

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EDUCATION



King Edward's, Birmingham: parents are happy that its high league-table rating is national recognition for Midlands schools

In a different league

David Tytler asks heads of different independent schools how concerned parents are about league-table ratings

Every year heads of independent schools turn anxiously to the examination league tables, not just to see how they are faring against other independents, but to keep a close eye on local state schools. Governors, too, are concerned and sometimes ask awkward questions, but how important are league tables for parents?

Vivian Anthony, secretary of the Headmasters' Conference, which represents 238 leading independent schools, says: "Parents don't really worry about league tables. Headmasters of schools at the bottom certainly worry, but people realise you have to see where schools start from and not just where they end up. We hope there will be a loss of enthusiasm, fuelled by an understanding that they can be put together in so many ways."

Speaking from the top of the tables, David Summerscale, headmaster of Westminster School, 650 boys and fees of £8,000 to £12,750 a year, says: "Parents are becoming more perceptive about the tables and better able to judge their value and limitations, but the predominant effect is a damaging one. No doubt people come to Westminster because they see the school sitting at or around the top. It seems to suggest that because they think we can deliver the academic goods, Westminster must be the right school for their child, which obviously is not always the case."

Mr Summerscale is concerned for those schools that have less able pupils and as a result are often to be found near the bottom of the tables: "They do wonderful work with kids who are not necessarily bright in academic terms but who do respond to the environment of the school. In relative terms what they achieve is tremendous and that is where the failure of perception still exists. It seems as if an artificial measure is being established in order to cut them down just as they are really trying to flourish."

Hugh Wright, chief master of King Edward's, Birmingham, a day school with 844 boys and fees of £4,000 a year, also speaks from the top of the table. He says: "All parents are interested in the relative performance of schools. We are very aware here that there is an interest in the Midlands to see how Midlands schools do in comparison with northern schools and southern schools.

"What has happened in our case is that there has been a feeling for a long time that the school was very good academically but there was no means of comparing it with other schools. The fact that the school has now been demonstrated to be nationally significant has given our parents a good deal of pleasure."

Leeds Girls High, a 1,000-pupil school where top fees are £4,000 a year, regularly appears in the top half of the tables. Philippa Randall, the head, says: "Our parents take it for granted that we are going to do well as we always have done. I have the feeling that if we didn't then they might become concerned."

Miss Randall thinks that some parents may be first drawn to the school by the league table position but says: "I would think that the examination results are only one factor. Our parents are aware enough to see that tables vary from year to year and they would take that as swings and roundabouts."

This appears to be supported by a MORI survey published earlier this year by the Independent Schools Information Service which showed that when parents were asked what helped them to choose a school, league tables came bottom of the list of 25 factors, with only 15 per cent saying that it affected their decision. Examination results, however, came second, behind discipline and ahead of reputation.

Barnard Castle, Co Durham, a coeducational day and boarding school where fees are up to £8,000 a year, generally appears in the lower half of the tables. Frank McNamara, the head, says that schools are more concerned about the tables than parents and believes that "most schools have taken a harder look at themselves. We have set ourselves targets, but are not putting on too much pressure because I think that is counterproductive.

"Our parents are much more interested in what children actually go on to do. It does not matter where the school is in the league tables if your son or daughter has achieved what they wanted. And it doesn't matter where you are in the league tables if your son or daughter hasn't done so."

How much life is there left in the A level?

Pressure has dropped for fundamental change, says **John O'Leary**

An unprecedented alliance of state and independent education heads will bring a new twist to the long-running debate over A levels and the post-16 curriculum today.

For almost a decade, education and business leaders have been lobbying for a wider sixth-form curriculum, and running up against the brick wall of government policy. Anything that might endanger the "gold standard" of A level was ruled out immediately.

Suddenly, however, the ground has shifted and at last progress seems possible. The pressure is no longer to change A level fundamentally, but to accommodate the examination within an integrated system.

Many of the critics of A levels have decided that the spread of modular courses and the development of vocational equivalents bring substantial change within reach for the first time. Pursuing abolition is no longer worth the candle.

Even Labour appears to be dropping its commitment to an all-encompassing examination system. Tony Blair, at the launch of Labour's education proposals, insisted that the party was not planning to scrap A level, but to establish a single diploma to cover all accredited courses.

The Headmasters' Conference, one of the six signatories to today's statement, reached an unexpected consensus on proposals for the 14-19 age group last month. Both the Secondary Heads' Association and the Girls' Schools Association had already reached many of the same conclusions.

Their common theme is that schools and colleges must be able to offer the increasing proportion of 16-year-olds remaining in education a variety of courses. Yet the new diversity must fit into a single framework understood and accepted by employers and higher education.

A united front among the sixth-form and further education college heads, as well as four school associations, will add considerably to the pressure on Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, to respond. She already knows that the business community and higher education favour change.

Howard Davies, the director general of the CBI, said only last week that all A-level courses should test students on their communication, numeracy and information technology skills in order to improve the quality of the workforce. University vice-chancellors also want a system that caters more effectively for the third of young people seeking entry to higher education. And, as long as A levels are not at risk, the reformers may find themselves pushing on an open door.

Mrs Shephard is bound to steer clear of anything that appears to ape Labour policy, but she has long recognised the need to build bridges between academic and vocational qualifications. The ambitious National Education and Training Targets, which she helped to produce as Employment Secretary, will surely be realistic only if the range of study available to teenagers continues to widen.

The early popularity of General National Vocational Qualifications (significantly tagged "vocational A levels" by Mrs Shephard's predecessor, John Patten) makes some common currency essential for university admissions. That will not produce the elusive parity of esteem between vocational and academic study, to which all politicians pay lip service, but it will be an important first step.

However, the reformers are now looking for more. The concept of a 14-19 curriculum, which recognises that a shrinking minority of young people now leave school at 16, inevitably leads to a downgrading of GCSE examinations.

The terminal qualification is what matters. Indeed, the Headmasters' Conference envisages many able pupils missing out GCSE in all but the core subjects.

The result may be to shift the debate onto different ground, involving the universities and the examination boards as well as the Education Department. Not only will there be resistance in Government to attempts to reduce the importance of GCSE, but any move in that direction would require a change in university admissions.

For the moment, GCSE grades are increasing in significance because they are the only firm evidence before admissions tutors, who have lost faith in predicted A-level results. Only if vice-chancellors agree on a post-A level admissions system will parents and pupils feel safe to ignore GCSE.

With the examination boards apparently unable to produce results more quickly, and the universities rejecting a later start to the academic year, that particular development remains a long way off.

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The Sunday Times and The Times will publish the next monthly MBA courses features on Sunday 16th and Monday 17th October 1994. Monday's MBA course feature will be a 16 page tabloid supplement.
For further information about these or forthcoming course advertising features please call the Education Team : Simon Mallinson, Adam Rowe, or Jessica Wright on:
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Fax: 0171 782 7828
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POSTS

EMMANUEL COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
The College invites applications for the post of Development Director, to take up appointment as soon as possible joining an already successful campaign. Proven and relevent success in fund-raising, together with organizational and administrative skills, are essential requirements for the post. The appointment will be for three years. Salary is negotiable, but will be in the region of £30,000 per annum. Applications (in triplicate), together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent to the Bursar, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, CB2 3AP to reach him not later than Friday 28 October 1994. Interviews will be on November 4th in Cambridge.

UNIVERSITY APPOINMENTS

Wordsworth Trust, Grasmere
The Trust proposes to appoint an Assistant Director to work with Dr. Robert Woof. Salary c.£15,000. Trust accommodation. Candidates should be 28-50, versatile, tactful, patient, willing to learn and to fit in, and have a scholarly awareness of Romantic Literature. Applications (with brief CV and two references) by 20 October to The Director, Wordsworth Trust, Grasmere, Cumbria, with Fax to the Chairman at 010-813-3449-9741. Interviews 8-9 Nov.
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LORD MAYOR TRELOAR NATIONAL SPECIALIST COLLEGE
of Further Education for students with disabilities
(Supported by the Treloar Trust, Registered Charity No 307103)
PRINCIPAL
Required from 1 September 1995
The College, which is currently part of the non-maintained special school, will be completely independent (and separate from the school) from 1 April 1995. The FEFC Inspectors have recently awarded a Grade 2 to the present provision and this should be seen as a basis for further development of quality education, independence training and care for the 140+ students. The majority have physical disabilities and many have moderate or specific learning difficulties.
At this exciting time the Governors wish to appoint a person with experience of Further Education and with the skills and energy to develop the College towards the 21st Century. A knowledge of disabilities is desirable but not essential. Residential experience would be valuable. An awareness of and respect for the interdependent roles played by staff of other disciplines, notably medical, therapy and care, is absolutely vital.
Salary on Further Education Management spine points 20 - 28 (£36,395 - 242,959) depending on qualifications and experience.
Closing date for applications is Monday 7 November 1994.
Interviews will be on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 December
Candidates wishing to visit the College beforehand may do so (at their own expense) on Thursday 20 October at 2 -5 pm or Friday 4 November at 2 -5 pm. Please telephone beforehand to the Personnel Department on Bentley (01420) 22199.
For further details and an application form, please send a large stamped addressed envelope, clearly marked PRINCIPAL to the Personnel Office, Treloar Trust, Froyle, Alton, Hants, GU34 4JX.
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SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Applications and nominations are invited for the post of
Dean of the School of Music (Graduate Level)
The Dean of the School of Music is responsible, with the faculty, for administration, policy, and curriculum. The Dean is also responsible for the relations of the School with the professional musical community. The School offers degrees at the Master's and Doctoral levels with emphasis in performance and composition. Demonstrated leadership in the field of music is essential.
The position becomes available July 1, 1995. Applications, with supporting materials, should be sent by December 1, 1994 to: Professor Jacob Druckman, Chair, Search Committee, Yale University, c/o Office of the Dean, School of Music, P.O. Box 208246, New Haven, CT 06520-8246.
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PRINCIPAL
The Principal is to retire in August 1995 and the Council of Management of the College is seeking his successor.
The College, a voluntary Church of England HE institution, was originally constituted in 1840 and moved to a purpose built site in Plymouth in 1973.
Currently, it has a student body of 3000 organised under ten academic departments and employs 380 academic and other staff. Its wide range of degree programmes and other qualifying courses are primarily validated by the University of Exeter. The Principal is the Chief Executive Officer, responsible to the Council for the academic, financial and administrative affairs of the institution.
Applicants must have the capacity and vision to lead the institution in a highly challenging and increasingly commercial and competitive environment. Leadership, wide senior management experience within HE, industry or commerce and a proven track record of achievement are essential requirements, together with the ability to work effectively in a truly international as well as national and regional perspective.
The Council invites applications from suitably qualified men and women with a minimum of ten years of appropriate senior management experience and, in the first instance, to submit a brief letter of application and CV to:
B. R. Lee, Secretary to Council,
College of St. Mark and St. John,
Derriford Road,
Plymouth PL6 8BH.
Closing date for applications: 4th November 1994.
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POSTS

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Interview with the entrepreneurs will be arranged during October 1994 in London.

Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,143.00	Abbey Ntl	392 ↑	+3	...	5.0	13.2
1,573.40	Allied Irish	238 ↑	+1	...	5.3	9.1
2,395.80	Aus New Z	180	-6	...	5.2	27.7
9,625.80	Bankamerica	2750	-62½	...	...	...
1,243.00	Bk of Ireland	265	-5	...	5.0	7.6
2,264.00	Bank Scotland	194	-13½	...	3.5	15.7
8,823.80	Barclays	542 ↑	-29	...	5.8	10.4
30.30	Carlisle	24½	-1½	...	1.3	...
161.00	Cater Allen	494	-29	...	7.1	10.2
152.10	Cattles	137 ↑	-1	...	4.9	14.9
3,897.70	Chase Manh	2106½	-106½	...	...	...
10,121.30	Citicorp	2600	-62½	...	...	...
194.40	Close Bros	215 ↑	-1	...	4.4	∞
4,065.90	Commerzbk	£124½	-4½	...	6.6	...
13,310.10	Deutsche Bk	£279½	-£1½	...	2.4	...
116.50	First Nat Fin	69	-1	...	2.7	...
39,981.90	Fuji Bank Y	1360½	-28½	...	0.4	∞
223.10	Gerrard Nat	450	-20	22.0	6.0	13.2
5,812.30	HSBC	663 ↑	-½	...	4.5	9.9
12,330.00	HSBC HK	704 ↑	-½	...	4.4	10.2
411.70	Hambros	231	-29	...	8.0	9.5
22.00	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
19.10	King Shaxson	110	-15	...	10.2	10.9
577.20	Kleinwort Ben	433 ↑	-18	...	5.6	7.6
6,967.10	Lloyds	538 ↑	-7½	...	5.3	10.6
70.60	Lon Scot Bk	116½	-½	...	3.8	17.7
6,385.20	Nat Aust Bk	472	-11	...	5.7	10.2
8,025.30	Nat West	482 ↑	-5½	...	5.0	9.0
666.30	Provident	498 ↑	-7	...	4.5	15.8
24.60	Rea Bros	62½ ↑	-2½	...	1.9	17.5
3,180.00	Ryl Bk Scot	397	-18	...	3.8	17.9
1,313.00	Schroders	1115 ↑	-65	...	1.8	12.0
2,484.50	Stand Chart	259 ↑	-4½	...	3.1	8.6
3,276.30	TSB	214	-3½	...	4.7	10.5
27.40	Union	103 ↑	-6	...	5.5	9.5
1,285.50	Warburg SG	597	-83	...	4.7	7.4
5,048.10	Wells Fargo	9112½	-175	...	3.0	...
3,913.90	Westpac	215	...	...	2.5	∞
22.00	Wintrust	260	-18	...	4.9	17.4

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,824.10	Allied Domecq	560	-2	...	4.9	13.8
4,582.40	Bass	525½	+9½	...	5.0	13.7
303.20	Boddington	250 ↑	-8	...	4.2	17.2
222.60	Bulmer (HP)	424	-5	...	3.2	24.4
38.70	Burtonwd Brw	166	-7	...	3.4	15.5
73.90	Eldridge P 'A'	174	+14	...	2.6	24.1
1,770.40	Fosters Brewing	55	...	...	5.1	∞
77.50	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	-15	...	2.6	15.7
8,402.50	Grand Met	403	-5½	...	4.1	17.5
852.70	Greenalls Grp	408	-2	...	3.9	15.6
219.50	Greene King	519	-3	...	3.1	14.4
9,051.90	Guinness	449 ↑	-3½	...	3.6	14.8
66.00	Hardy Hansn	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
3.64	Heavitree	157	...	...	3.2	14.1
539.30	Highland Distl	324	-21	...	2.0	20.1
109.50	Hoi J	3650 ↑	-43	...	1.7	20.5
256.30	Macallan-Glen	330 ↑	+4	...	0.7	57.7
74.50	Marstn Mrtn 'A'	685	-10	...	1.8	28.2
150.60	Mansfield	235	+12	...	2.3	14.4
271.80	Mrstn Thmp	302	+5	...	2.5	15.6
143.40	Matthew Clark	629	-1	...	3.6	14.0
13.80	Mrrydwn W	114	-1	...	2.7	...
105.40	Morland	468	...	...	2.6	16.3
7.54	Paramount	7½	-½	...	3.3	∞
39.20	Regent Inns	266	-1	...	2.6	∞
3,289.60	SA Breweries	1187½	...	...	3.3	19.4
2,574.90	Scot & New	484	...	...	4.4	14.4
178.30	Taunton Cider	163	-3	...	5.1	12.4
330.90	Vaux Group	237	-10	...	5.1	15.3
142.30	Wetherspoon JD	393	-11	...	2.1	∞
2,740.50	Whitbread	524	-15½	...	4.5	15.2
359.80	Wolvrhmptn D	541	-8	...	3.0	15.3
64.40	Yates Bros	166	-1	...	2.3	20.5
14.50	Young 'A'	500	+2	...	3.8	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58.10	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
12.50	Albrighton	17 ↑	...	...	3.7	16.3
52.40	Allen	169	+4	...	3.9	20.0
208.30	Amec	103	-5	...	3.7	58.6
132.70	Ashtead	441	+11	...	1.6	27.9
325.40	Arwoods	115	...	...	5.4	...
1,521.90	BPB Ind	304	+2	...	3.3	30.5
46.80	Baggeridge Brk	118	-5	...	3.3	22.3
3.66	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 ↑	...	...	2.5	21.4
5.05	Barcom	27	-3	...	8.1	3.2
216.00	Bardon	30 ↑	-1	...	6.4	...
302.80	Barratt Devs	167 ↑	-3	...	4.5	∞
353.90	Beazer Homes	126	-4	...	5.4	9.8
178.00	Bellway	192	-10	...	4.3	17.1
18.30	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	35.6
283.70	Berisford Intl	190	-2	...	...	...
299.90	Berkeley Gp	357	-2	...	2.3	16.1
26.60	Bett Bros	177	-6	...	1.9	8.8
16.60	Blockleys	67	+3	...	1.7	...
1,994.70	Blue Circle	274 ↑	-3	...	5.1	19.5
65.20	Boot (Henry)	250	-20	...	3.2	12.7
9.61	Brandon Hire	68 ↑	-9	...	2.9	∞
26.70	Breedon PLC	94 ↑	-½	...	6.1	26.9
24.00	Br Dredging	137	-3	...	5.2	16.2
21.40	Brit Fittings	90	-4	...	3.2	...
336.30	Bryant	121 ↑	-5	...	5.2	13.6
50.70	CALA	118 ↑	...	...	3.0	16.3
1,194.70	CRH	340 ↑	-11	...	2.8	17.3
2.26	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
117.90	Comtun	22½	...	...	...	...
93.80	Countryside	123	-4	...	4.2	27.3
81.40	Crest Nicholson	82	-6	...	2.4	15.2
19.60	Cussins	110 ↑	-3	...	3.9	13.3
10.90	Edmond Hldgs	21½	+½	...	1.7	...
68.50	Epwin	317 ↑	-2	...	3.1	18.8
33.70	Erith	71	-2	...	2.5	39.6
32.10	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
25.80	Galliford	29	-5	...	4.4	...
1.69	Gibbs & Dandy	97 ↑	...	...	3.5	...
84.60	Gleeson (MJ)	638	...	...	1.9	14.6
196.00	Graham Grp	171 ↑	-1½	...	3.4	16.3
336.80	Hewden-Stuart	147	+1	...	2.5	16.8
0.51	Hewetson	70	-1	...	...	...
280.00	Heywd Wlm	292 ↑	-21	...	5.8	16.5
57.60	Higgs & Hill	97	...	...	3.6	...
14.60	How Gp	35 ↑	-½	...	2.7	...
6.14	Howard Hldgs	24 ↑	-2	...	4.2	22.4
140.30	Ibstock	76	-1½	...	1.7	...
3.24	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
61.00	Keller	109 ↑	-7	...	4.3	12.6
95.30	Laing (J)	208 ↑	...	...	5.4	18.8
36.30	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	90½	-½	...	8.8	...
11.30	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
26.40	Lovell (YJ)	66	+1	...	...	...
121.90	Manders	307 ↑	-13	...	4.1	14.9
375.40	Marley	131 ↑	-2	...	4.0	15.5
162.80	Marshalls	133	-4	...	4.0	16.3
55.00	Maunders (J)	220	-9	...	3.0	21.2
131.30	McAlpine (A)	190 ↑	-2	...	4.3	27.9
55.00	McCarthy & S	56	-2	...	1.1	...
452.00	Meyer Int	399	-17	...	3.8	15.1
178.10	Mowlem (J)	102	...	...	2.5	...
62.40	NSM	104	-½	...	...	12.0
188.60	Newman Tnks	156 ↑	-3	...	5.1	19.7
252.10	Persimmon	216 ↑	-10	...	5.3	16.2
4.53	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
17.00	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	...
100.00	Prowting	129	+1	...	3.3	39.6
1,792.70	RMC Gp	910 ↑	-25	...	2.9	18.8
103.40	Raine Ind	55	-10	...	7.1	∞
5.04	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
2,460.90	Redland	476	-17½	...	6.7	24.5
15.00	Roskel	100	-3	4.3	5.4	...
743.50	Rugby Group	117 ↑	-7	...	3.7	14.7
5.03	Secure Retire	50	-3	...	...	...
9.71	Svrfd-Rve	62 ↑	-2	0.7	1.5	29.2
34.70	Sharpe & Fisher	168 ↑	-4½	...	3.3	12.3
181.10	Sheffield Insl	246 ↑	-12	...	2.8	19.8
38.40	Sherif Hldgs	365	+1	...	1.5	24.3
4.82	Shorco	155 ↑	...	...	4.4	14.5
23.30	Smart (J)	230	...	...	4.6	19.8
5.04	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
1,122.00	Tarmac	122 ↑	-2½	...	5.6	...
44.10	Tay Homes	151	-1	...	5.0	16.2
493.70	Taylor Woodrw	118 ↑	-1	...	1.9	28.8
182.50	Tilbury Dougls	540 ↑	-12½	...	7.6	41.4
5.75	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
284.90	Travis Perkins	278 ↑	...	...	3.7	17.1
12.50	Trencherwood	15	...	...	...	...
15.90	Try Group	23 ↑	-1	...	2.7	...
2.40	Tudor	22	...	...	1.4	...
49.60	Vibroplant	107½	-½	...	4.2	28.4
77.20	Wainhomes	124	...	...	4.2	13.4
25.20	Ward Hldgs	48	-3	...	1.3	...
1.40	Waterhouse	56	...	...	...	...
113.40	Watts Blake	545	+3	...	2.9	20.4
98.40	Westbury	148	-4	...	4.4	16.5
26.60	Wiggins	6	+½	...	...	...
311.00	Wilson Bowdn	333 ↑	-½	...	3.6	14.9
335.90	Wilson (C)	177 ↑	+6	...	3.0	14.7
498.00	Wimpey G	138 ↑	...	...	4.8	20.6
2.64	YRM	20	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
965.00	ADT	695	-10	...	...	...
20.30	Adam & Harvey	475	-3	...	3.9	6.5
5.76	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
3.75	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
105.20	Auto Sec	88	-4	...	...	11.4
963.50	BET Ord	103	+1	...	3.9	17.2
39.80	BNB Res	186	-1	...	3.3	21.7
56.30	BPP	214 ↑	...	...	5.2	15.3
37.40	BSM	134 ↑	-5	...	6.0	11.4
31.10	Barbour Index	184	-6	...	5.8	∞
3.88	Black & Edg	0½	-½	...	...	...
41.50	Brit Data Mgt	170	-1	...	4.1	∞
4.14	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
7.47	Brooks Service	62	-4	...	3.0	...
61.20	CPT Gp	91 ↓	-3	...	4.5	22.3
88.20	Capita Group	164	-1	...	2.1	20.9
29.20	Casket Plc	31	...	...	4.4	10.5
23.70	Chiltern Capital	25½	+½	...	...	...
11.20	Christie	48	-7	...	...	...
867.10	Chubb Sec	310	+9	...	2.5	19.1
32.40	Corp Services	58	-2	...	0.5	21.9
17.80	Coutts Cnslg	53	+4	...	1.0	...
34.50	Dart	160	+12	...	2.9	17.1
232.30	Davis Service	227 ↑	-5	...	4.5	15.2
17.80	EW Fact	98	-4	...	0.4	7.2
19.90	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
1,125.60	Hays	376	-4	...	2.8	18.7
155.70	Hogg Robinsn	225	-2	...	3.9	15.7
9.68	Holmes Protectn	22	-3	...	...	...
10,544.00	Hutch Whamp	292	-2½	...	1.9	21.1
449.50	ISS B DKr	1731½	-81½	...	6.0	1.9
2,256.50	Inchcape	429	+2	...	4.4	14.1
46.20	JBA Hldgs	140 ↑	+½	...	2.1	14.2
126.00	Johnson Clean	255	...	...	5.3	10.3
53.10	Lep	9½	...	...	...	...
43.70	Mitie Gp	180	-4	...	1.6	21.1
321.60	Manpower	1775	+67½	...	0.7	...
67.00	Michael Page	112 ↑	+3	...	3.6	27.5
49.10	Partsy	134 ↑	+1	...	2.1	35.0
4.05	Pennn	84	-1	...	0.0	...
53.90	Proudfoot	67 ↑	-1	...	6.5	16.6
32.00	RCO	300	...	...	6.3	10.4
10.40	REA	128	-1	...	5.9	68.8
85.50	Reed Executive	167 ↑	-2	1.0	0.7	...
31.10	Reliance Sec	138	-2	...	4.2	∞
1,139.60	Rentokil	219 ↑	-2	...	1.7	22.6
22.70	Rolfe & Nolan	187	-2	...	2.7	29.1
786.10	Salvesen (C)	261	-1	...	3.9	13.6
4.92	Scott Pickford	59	...	...	1.9	∞
29.00	Select App	13½	...	...	...	...
171.10	Serco Gp	588 ↑	-12	...	1.6	26.2
5.49	Sherwd Cmp	90	-10	...	...	...
60.30	Sketchley	94	-3	...	4.3	14.7
26.80	Unipalm	103	-8	...	...	∞
77.80	Warner Howard	327	-1	...	2.8	15.5
33.30	Wills Gp	191 ↑	-1½	...	3.3	10.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
669.00	Allied Colloids	127	+4½	...	2.3	20.4
533.10	Amersham	924	-15	...	2.1	19.4
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
7,094.30	BASF DM	£121½	-£34½	...	7.7	...
387.70	BTP	257	-5	...	4.4	19.2
9,167.40	Bayer DM50	£136½	-£30½	...	6.6	...
84.70	Blagden	117	-2	...	1.6	54.7
79.00	Brent Chems	117	-½	...	4.3	...
236.20	Brit Biotech	489	-16	...	...	...
3.00	Caird Gp	5½	+½	...	...	14.6
50.40	Danning (W)	178	-9	...	5.2	29.6
3,825.10	Courtaulds	454	-17	...	4.1	36.6
466.00	Croda	353 ↑	-1	...	3.0	15.2
14.00	Doeflex	132	+16	...	4.4	14.8
219.90	Ellis & Everard	264 ↑	-3	...	3.6	19.5
16.90	Euro Colour	56	-1	...	2.6	30.0
114.80	Halstead (J)	394	-2	...	2.5	∞
274.40	Hickson	150 ↑	...	...	6.4	14.0
7,478.40	Hoechst	£126½	-£125	...	5.8	...
213.60	Holliday Chem	207	-13	...	2.7	16.9
5,821.00	ICI	804	-27½	...	4.3	65.0
1,331.80	Laporte	695 ↑	-12	...	3.8	15.8
128.70	Leigh	195	-10	...	5.0	17.8
31.20	MTM	84 ↑	-3	...	0.7	...
5,235.90	Norsk Hydro	2284½	-34½	...	1.4	∞
120.80	Paterson Zch	494	...	...	3.2	13.0
108.80	Paterson Zch 'A'	473	...	...	3.4	12.5
65.70	Plysu	180	-2½	...	4.9	25.7
44.50	Porvair	287 ↑	-8	...	1.9	21.5
17.30	Sutcliffe Speak	31	...	...	3.0	18.4
97.10	Wardle Storeys	390	-5	...	5.5	20.4
58.30	Wolstenholme R	788 ↑	+20	...	3.0	16.5
180.00	Yorks Chem	393 ↑	-16	...	2.6	17.0
286.90	Yule Catto	268 ↑	-3½	...	3.1	20.4
7,709.90	Zeneca	815 ↑	+7½	...	4.3	16.4

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
219.50	Allders	213	-8	...	3.6	15.9
920.70	Argos Plc	307 ↑	-8½	...	3.4	16.2
164.40	Ashley (Laura)	70	-4	...	0.2	...
127.40	Asprey	159	-10	...	4.8	7.9
75.40	Austin Reed	244	-2	...	2.8	13.5
64.90	Beattie (J) 'A'	139 ↑	-1	...	5.6	18.2
52.20	Bentalls	124½	-3½	...	2.0	43.1
45.30	Betterware	44	+7	...	8.1	4.7
11.80	Blacks Leis	37 ↑	-3	...	7.6	...
395.80	Body Shop	209	-16	...	1.2	19.6
5,204.60	Boots	499	-27½	...	3.8	19.7
21.20	Brown & Jackson	3¼	...	...	...	...
356.20	Brown (N)	241	-9	...	2.0	23.4
885.90	Burton	63	+4½	...	4.0	...
28.00	Cantors	185	-5	...	2.7	∞
54.00	Church	500 ↑	...	...	3.2	25.5
12.30	Clinton Cards	101	-3	...	5.8	8.7
1,452.20	Coats Viyella	208½	+8½	...	5.0	17.8
18.40	Ctry Casuals	96	-5	...	5.6	9.8
170.60	Courts Furnish	726 ↑	-4	...	1.0	37.0
2.88	Crown Eye	180	-5	...	6.6	7.8
1,477.50	Dairy Farm Intl	86½	-¼	...	4.1	12.2
160.10	Dewhirst (IJ)	136½	-3½	...	1.7	17.9
723.90	Dixons Grp	182	+1	...	4.5	19.3
10.70	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
12.00	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	∞
20.90	Essex Furn	182	-7	...	2.6	29.1
183.00	Etam	279	-31	...	3.5	19.6
376.20	Fine Art Dev	472	-21	14.3	3.8	14.6
3.31	Fired Earth	58	...	...	...	...
17.10	Forminster	150	+4½	...	2.7	∞
39.00	French Conn	244	-1	...	...	10.3
25.30	Gent SR	70 ↑	-2	...	4.0	∞
26.50	Goldsmiths Gp	121	+1	...	1.1	21.7
5,744.30	GUS	571	+2	...	2.9	16.5
38.40	Hamleys	168	-6	...	3.5	16.2
3.74	Hampden Grp	25 ↑	-¼	...	5.0	...
53.40	Hartstone	16½	-1	...	2.4	...
5.75	Honeysuckle	69	-4	...	4.5	10.1
473.00	Hse of Fraser	206 ↑	+1½	...	3.0	18.5
18.10	Jacques Vert	190 ↑	+1	...	3.0	16.8
3,224.90	Kingfisher	485 ↑	-4	...	3.8	12.7
22.90	Leslie Wise Gp	66	-1	...	7.6	13.9
76.20	Liberty	340 ↑	-10	...	1.8	...
341.90	Lloyds Chem	289	-13½	...	3.4	9.6
739.30	MFI	127 ↑	-3	...	3.9	15.0
11,263.50	Marks Spencer	404	+1½	...	2.8	15.8
281.90	Menzies (John)	507 ↑	-17	...	2.9	12.5
54.60	Moss Bros	327	...	...	2.7	15.9
886.50	Next	238	-4	...	3.6	14.4
23.40	Oliver (G)	93	+2	...	...	28.7
143.90	Oriflame Intl	269	+5	...	4.8	12.2
55.40	Pentos	16½	-3	...	...	...
67.20	QS Hldgs	170	-3	...	3.8	20.0
19.30	Rhino Grp	23	-3	...	2.7	21.9
27.70	Rosebys	140 ↑	-8	...	4.2	16.4
110.90	Sherwood Gp	99	-12	...	3.9	9.7
1,557.70	Sears	101½	-2	...	4.6	17.0
74.70	Signet Group	25½	-2½	...	...	8.8
1,200.00	Smith WH	432 ↑	-5	...	4.5	22.3
1.55	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
844.10	Storehouse	203	+14	...	3.4	18.1
109.90	T & S Stores	172	-9	...	4.6	12.0
60.40	Tie Rack	117	-10	...	1.9	13.9
123.00	Time Products	232	-1	...	4.6	15.0
8.24	Usher (Frank)	119 ↑	-1	...	7.4	9.1
3,585.90	Vendome	513	+15	...	1.4	39.4
21.50	Vival	39	-1	...	4.0	10.1
48.00	WEW Group	33	-3	...	2.3	24.3
8.01	Wensum	107 ↑	+3½	...	3.4	37.7
338.30	Wickes	91	+2	...	1.6	20.3
9.63	Wld of Leather	80 ↓	-1	...	1.1	...
56.20	Wyevale	144 ↑	-4	...	4.0	15.2

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
185.50	ACT Group	100	-1½	...	6.6	9.4
54.20	Acal	281	+2	...	3.0	17.6
73.40	Admiral	644 ↑	-1	...	1.3	19.8
85.50	Alba	183 ↑	-7	...	3.4	15.1
11.30	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	32.0
151.10	Amstrad	26	+½	...	2.4	...
22.20	App Holo	101	...	...	...	...
25.30	Arlen	34	-1	...	...	...
245.30	Astec	79½	-4½	...	1.4	16.3
35.40	Azlan	162	-1	...	2.3	13.1
28.20	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.6	∞
1,264.50	BICC	358	+8	...	6.8	22.2
126.00	Bick	413	-6	...	3.1	16.6
213.00	Borland	750	...	...	...	...
547.10	Bowthorpe	294	-1	...	3.0	16.8
23,666.40	BT	380	+16	...	5.5	13.2
5.20	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	20	-1	...	1.6	14.6
24.00	Burnfield	70 ↑	-4	...	3.3	30.0
9,544.90	Cable Wireless	390	-9½	...	3.6	16.6
62.00	Chloride	26	-1	...	...	72.7
49.80	CML Micro	269	+1	...	2.8	17.2
38.10	Comptr People	195 ↓	-4	...	1.6	44.4
409.00	Cray Elec	176½	-2	...	1.6	∞
60.80	Critchley	434	-8	...	2.3	19.4
698.40	Delta	470 ↑	-6	...	3.9	20.1
26.10	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
138.90	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
94.20	Dowding Mills	63½	-½	...	5.0	23.2
94.10	Druck	1470	-30	...	0.9	27.4
950.10	Electrocompnts	452	+3	...	2.6	19.7
36.20	El Data Prc	138	-5	...	1.7	12.8
37.50	Electron House	148 ↑	+3	...	2.7	15.3
33.40	Emess	31½	-3	...	0.4	...
325.20	Eurotherm	365 ↑	-2	...	1.7	21.6
738.40	FKI	165	...	...	2.8	19.1
679.20	Farnell Elec	505	-2½	...	1.8	20.7
51.80	First Tech	333 ↑	+2	...	1.3	19.2
16.10	Forward Gp	195	-11	...	3.2	11.7
17.30	Forward Tech	51	-4	...	0.6	...
7,839.30	GEC	286	-6	...	4.7	14.4
92.60	Graseby	143½	-3½	...	5.2	13.5
34.30	Graystone	12½	-½	...	2.4	∞
51.10	Ind Control	128 ↑	-6½	...	4.9	∞
60.20	Jones Stroud	348 ↑	...	...	3.2	16.6
47.20	Kalamazoo Cmp	124	-8	...	3.3	14.0
135.10	Kenwood App	368	-3	...	3.1	17.7
31.20	Kewill Sys	257	-7	...	2.4	11.2
4.99	Kode	53	+4	...	9.4	...
3.38	Laser-Scan	21	-1	...	...	...
22.50	LIBMS	103	...	...	...	...
227.00	Life Sciences	131 ↑	...	...	3.9	13.0
185.40	Logica	300 ↑	-7	...	2.1	∞
4.67	LPA Ind	52	+5	...	3.8	...
67.70	MR Data Mngt	122	-7	...	5.8	∞
96.00	Macro 4	425 ↑	-5	...	5.9	11.9
130.10	Memvier-Sw	266	...	...	2.0	20.6
114.50	Micro Focus	795	-20	...	...	9.6
48.10	Microgen	122	-3	...	7.4	12.2
22.30	Microvitec	35	-2	...	...	...
201.50	Misys	426	-8	...	2.4	∞
223.80	Mitel	212	-10	...	...	...
19.70	MMT Comp	175	-1	...	3.0	17.9
57.40	MTL Inst	319	...	...	1.7	19.1
29.10	Murray Ent	109½	-9½	...	2.3	...
10,049.70	NYNEX	2406½	-21½	...	...	...
18.10	Neotronics	70	-1	...	4.6	15.2
2.23	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
30.50	Norbain	411 ↓	-14	...	0.7	19.7
15.50	Northamber	91	-1	...	1.1	38.6
6.25	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
8.77	Orbis	24	-2	0.5	2.7	∞
151.50	Oxford Inst	311	-7	...	2.0	18.3
52.40	P & P	67	...	...	3.9	16.6
95.50	Peek	80	-1	...	5.4	19.9
10.60	Pegasus	169 ↑	-4	...	3.7	17.0
12.90	Philips Fn 4%	£100	-900	...	5.8	...
6,322.10	Philips Lmp nv	1909½	-12½	...	1.0	8.7
82.30	Phonelink	232	-21	...	...	...
33.90	Pifco	357	...	...	1.6	24.5
23.50	Pifco 'A' Vtg	340	...	...	1.7	23.3
5.99	Plasmec	129 ↑	-1	...	3.6	...
27.80	Pressac	113	-2	...	2.8	23.1
55.00	Psion	245 ↑	-29	...	1.5	17.2
646.50	Racal Elect	245	-13	...	2.2	20.1
8.30	Radamec	45	+3	...	5.4	13.4
11.40	Radius	41 ↑	-3	...	1.1	...
10.20	Real Time	145	-10	...	3.4	∞
125.50	Roxboro	232 ↑	-12	...	2.4	17.0
127.30	Sage Gp	609	-4	...	2.1	16.4
32.80	Sanderson Elec	85	-3	...	4.2	...
9.12	Scantronic	25	+1	...	4.2	∞
97.20	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
399.00	Sema Gp	430 ↑	+7	...	1.0	25.9
26.60	Servomex	266 ↑	+1	...	3.1	29.8
24.30	Silvermines	38	+1	...	2.7	22.6
6.77	Soundtracks	67	-1	...	4.5	15.2
3,654.50	TDK	2778½	-40½	...	1.1	∞
1.03	TDS Circuits	11½	-½	...	...	...
20.80	TGI	97	-1	...	2.6	18.1
76.90	Telemetrix	84	-1	...	1.5	10.7
95.10	Telspec	300 ↑	+7	...	1.0	36.2
4,204.60	Thorn EMI	987 ↑	+2	...	4.3	20.1
25.90	Thorpe FW	208	-9	...	1.9	∞
3.12	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.2
81.30	Tunstall	248	...	...	1.8	17.7
233.90	Unitech	341	-8	...	2.4	26.7
18.40	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
29.00	Vistec	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
5,966.20	Vodafone	196	-1½	...	1.8	25.6
109.70	Volex	414	-6	...	5.5	18.2
18.20	Wakebourne	87	-4	...	...	...
3.76	Western Selecn	25	-1	0.2	1.2	...
36.60	Wholesale Fgs	258 ↑	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,576.80	East Midlands	719	-3	...	3.9	56.7
1,963.40	Eastern Grp	761	+19	...	3.8	16.7
1,254.40	Hydro-Elect	322	-8	...	4.3	10.3
1,489.60	London Elect	683	-2	...	4.1	10.4
906.50	Manweb	766	-22	...	4.0	9.1
1,503.10	Midlands Elec	710	-28	...	4.1	10.9
6,071.90	National Powr	474	+13½	...	3.3	11.8
931.50	Northern Elec	753	-3	...	4.1	9.4
594.20	Nthn Ireland	361	-14	...	3.9	9.8
1,309.80	Norweb	758	-13	...	3.8	10.0
4,236.50	PowerGen	539	+12½	...	2.9	11.8
2,807.00	Scottish Power	344	-12	...	4.5	10.9
1,032.80	Seeboard	400	-1	...	3.7	10.6
773.70	Sth Wales	761	...	...	4.2	10.3
900.10	Sth Western	730	-9	...	4.0	9.7
1,962.00	Southern Elec	724	...	...	3.9	11.3
1,432.70	Yorkshire Elec	682	-34	...	4.3	13.3

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23.60	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
15.70	BWD	82	-10	...	6.4	6.7
32.80	Bakle Plc	120 ↑	+2	...	2.1	13.3
99.80	Blotec Inv	168	...	...	9.8	...
536.80	Caledonia	670	-19	...	3.0	16.6
61.60	Camellia	2462½	-187½	...	1.6	6.6
73.50	Candover	328 ↑	-2	...	4.3	...
229.10	Exco	186	-6	...	5.7	10.1
248.00	Govett	353	-27	...	5.2	5.9
65.30	Ivory Sime	223½	-3½	...	4.2	17.4
23.60	Johnson Fry	157	-2	1.5	1.2	...
164.30	Lon Forfaiting	183 ↑	-3	...	7.1	10.2
10.20	Manakin	50	...	...	...	...
16.30	Nat Home Loan	15½	-½	...	...	0.3
19.90	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
52.50	Rathbone Bro	269 ↑	-2	...	3.9	13.3
65.70	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.2	13.4
36.90	S & U	313	-15	...	4.4	10.1
147.60	Singer & Fried	76 ↑	-6	...	5.2	9.8
260.00	Sotheby's	790	-5	...	3.5	34.1
339.40	SJP Capital	124	+5	...	3.0	7.6
22.70	Towry Law	148 ↑	-8	...	3.8	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,279.80	Amer Express	1875 ↓	-62½	...	...	...
25.70	Brewin Dolphin	125	-9	...	5.8	9.2
328.50	Gartmore	163 ↑	-4	...	3.1	18.8
183.40	Henderson Ad	853	-52	...	6.4	13.5
402.10	Invesco	153 ↑	-10	...	3.1	25.1
2,213.70	Jardine Strat	234½	-21½	...	3.4	9.9
750.00	MAI	230 ↑	-1	...	4.2	∞
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	91½	-1	...	...	...
1,063.00	MAM	585	-27	...	4.8	13.6
691.30	M & G	923	-8	...	3.8	19.3
202.50	Smith New Ct	334	-50	...	3.9	2.7
17.30	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,254.50	AB Food	501 ↑	-6	...	3.7	9.8
1,768.40	ASDA Group	61	-4½	...	3.6	14.0
95.50	Acatos & Hutch	285	-4	...	3.7	11.4
318.40	Albert Fisher	45	-2	...	10.4	10.0
2,983.90	Argyll	265	-9½	...	5.4	11.6
21.10	Banks (S C)	245	-7	...	3.0	9.4
70.30	Barr (AG)	372	...	...	2.3	24.0
8.09	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
883.00	Booker	413 ↑	+½	...	6.6	15.2
29.80	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
211.00	Brake Bros	415	-4	...	2.2	14.8
40.70	Budgen	25	...	...	5.0	15.0
20.60	CPL Aromas	199	...	...	2.0	18.0
3,681.90	Cadbury-Schw	442 ↑	-7	...	4.4	14.6
12.70	Carrs Milling	185	-1	...	3.0	∞
21.90	Cranswick	157	-6	...	6.6	13.1
3.96	Cullens	15	...	...	...	...
13.70	Dalepak	118	...	...	1.6	∞
990.00	Dalgety	431	-5	...	6.3	11.1
4.48	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
290.30	Devro	215 ↑	-4	...	3.6	14.5
14.40	Everest	57	-1	...	5.6	∞
77.60	Farepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
1.57	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
76.80	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	10.2
287.60	Fyffes	102	+1	...	1.7	17.5
142.20	Geest	198	+4	...	5.2	...
16.90	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
19.00	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
287.90	Hazlewood Fds	124	+1	...	6.8	7.5
1,206.50	Hillsdown	174	+1	...	6.4	12.2
90.80	Hobson	23½	-½	...	...	...
415.20	Iceland Group	151 ↑	+2	...	3.2	9.4
40.30	JLI Group	97	-3	...	6.2	13.7
837.50	Kwik Save	541	-17	...	4.3	9.4
194.70	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
145.20	Matthews (B)	117 ↑	-3	...	2.9	14.1
8.28	Merchant Retail	9½	-1½	...	2.6	...
929.00	Morrison (W)	130	-3	...	1.0	15.1
95.40	Nichols (JN)	241 ↑	-2	...	3.0	15.5
1,206.90	Nthn Foods	210	+15	...	5.2	10.2
7.99	Nthmbrn Fn	13	...	...	...	...
229.10	Nurdin Peack	180 ↑	-6	...	4.6	10.0
181.00	Park Foods	114	-4	...	2.6	23.1
93.80	Perkins Food	76 ↑	-1	...	7.3	12.8
62.50	PizzaExpress	117 ↑	-3	...	2.1	∞
2.10	Regina Hlth	1½	-1	...	...	...
7,150.00	Sainsbury J	397	-3½	...	3.3	14.0
3.44	Senny Farm	80	...	...	3.3	8.1
30.50	Sims Food	88	-3	...	10.7	∞
1,506.70	Tate & Lyle	419	-25½	...	4.0	10.4
4,868.00	Tesco	237 ↑	+1½	...	4.2	11.9
114.50	Thorntons	178	-2	...	2.7	...
18.80	Treats	198 ↑	-9	...	2.6	16.1
761.50	Unigate	325	-9	...	6.7	9.2
1,625.30	Utd Biscuits	309	+2	...	6.3	24.8
7.80	Usborne	9½	...	...	4.9	6.3
158.20	Watson& Philip	373	-2	...	4.9	15.1
14.40	West Trust	34 ↑	-1	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.56	Abrdn Stk H	38	...	...	...	...
146.10	City Centre Rest	76 ↑	-2½	...	2.9	13.4
1,954.90	Forte	228	+2	...	4.2	26.4
33.60	Friendly Hotels	169	-6	...	4.3	27.9
57.10	Jurys Hotel	168	+½	...	4.1	15.0
1,795.30	Ladbroke	154½	+½	...	2.8	27.3
581.40	Mandarin Orntl	85½	+1½	...	3.7	22.6
20.00	Ryan Hotels E	30½	...	...	4.3	17.4
261.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	...	...	0.5	...
386.90	Stakis	81	-3	...	1.9	28.2

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9.20	AAF Inds	40	+6	...	...	...
352.90	AAH	393	-8	...	5.7	14.0
30.00	AIM	141	...	...	4.0	37.6
214.20	APV	72½	+1½	...	7.6	...
122.10	ASW	192 ↑	-2	...	4.1	...
129.10	Adwest	157	-13	...	6.2	∞
6.84	Aerospace Eng	18 ↑	-1	...	5.2	51.0
58.30	Airsprung	244	-2	...	2.5	15.2
61.30	Alexdra W	182	-5	...	3.8	19.4
8.25	Allied Radio	6	-½	...	...	...
101.40	Alumasc	327 ↑	+5½	...	2.3	∞
15.80	Alvis	28½	-3½	...	4.4	19.8
30.50	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
23.50	Amberley Gp	55	+1	...	2.3	∞
24.20	Anagen	52	-1	...	...	...
9.56	Andrews Sykes	67	+2	...	...	...
578.40	Antofagasta	368	-10	...	1.2	29.7
16.30	Armour	51	-1	...	4.5	∞
43.70	Ash & Lacy	166	-4	...	4.9	19.8
11.20	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
147.10	Avon Rubber	553	-28	...	3.7	24.0
40.90	Assoc Nursg	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
56.00	Atlas Equip	538	...	...	5.2	18.4
11.30	Ayrshire Metal	113	+2	1.5	1.7	...
735.00	BBA	181 ↑	-4	...	3.1	...
11.00	BLP Group	165 ↑	...	...	0.8	45.3
48.80	BM Gp	44	-2½	...	...	...
3,274.30	BOC	685	-6½	...	4.2	28.9
180.90	BSG	61½	-3½	...	6.6	38.0
137.00	BSS Group	525	-9	...	4.2	21.9
10,928.80	BTR	304 ↑	-4½	...	5.1	16.0
66.90	BWI	140	-3	...	6.2	∞
257.90	Babcock	30½	-1½	...	...	...
3.85	Bailey (CH)	7	...	...	...	...
254.30	Baird (Wm)	223	+6	...	5.1	18.7
866.40	Barlow	434½	...	...	0.7	...
108.30	Baynes (Charles)	76 ↑	...	...	2.9	19.5
6.97	Bearing Power	20½	-2	...	4.6	13.0
7.71	Beauford	32	...	...	...	...
1.52	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
11.10	Benson Group	8½	-3	...	4.9	∞
69.60	Bespak	275	-20	...	4.6	14.1
82.80	Bibby (J)	53	-1	...	4.7	...
2.01	Billam (J)	126 ↑	-14½	...	5.3	7.7
3.12	Bilston Batsea	37	...	...	...	...
8.07	Bimec Ind	65 #	...	...	...	...
120.80	Birkby	248	-5	...	3.0	18.2
9.65	Black Arrow	39	-4	...	8.3	9.5
145.90	Black (Peter)	264 ↑	-9	...	2.1	19.0
93.50	Bluebird Toys	213	-15	...	3.6	6.3
176.60	Bodycote	305	-3	...	2.2	20.7
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
2.52	Booth Inds	63	...	...	...	...
16.40	Boustead	25	-3	...	4.0	∞
2,305.00	Bowater	461 ↑	-11	...	3.5	17.3
644.40	Bowater Inc	1759½	-93½	...	...	...
70.70	Boxmore Intl	257	-5	...	1.9	16.4
12.60	Brasway	16 ↑	-1	...	4.1	16.3
151.10	Brammer	338 ↑	-14	...	4.5	18.8
4.41	Bridgend Gp	16	-1	...	1.6	∞
91.80	Bridon	161	...	...	3.1	...
9.53	Bridport-Gndry	95	...	...	3.0	...
1,173.20	Brierley Inv	45	-2½	...	9.3	∞
20.70	Br Bldg & Eng	185	-5	...	5.6	∞
2.89	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
133.50	Br Polythene	442	-5	...	3.5	15.4
3,326.40	Br Steel	165	-7½	...	1.5	61.1
8.20	Br Thornton	51	-27	...	14.7	4.5
480.70	Br Vita	221 ↑	-3½	...	4.2	16.4
196.10	Brixton Grp	142 ↓	-11	...	2.2	20.9
14,746.20	Broken Hill	890	-34	...	2.3	36.7
66.90	Bromsgrve Ind	92	-1	...	6.1	11.7
5.13	Brooke Tool	13½	-½	...	...	...
16.20	Brown & Tawse	50	-1	...	...	...
177.50	Bullough	148	-7	...	5.1	24.3
5.94	Business Tech	7½	-½	...	...	...
13.00	CI Group	15	-1	...	2.5	...
6.06	Camphl & Arm	42	-4	...	...	...
13.90	Cannon St	17½	-14	...	...	5.2
39.20	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
128.80	Cape	238	-8	...	5.8	15.1
1,647.70	Caradon	276 ↑	+8	...	4.0	18.3
245.70	Caradon pf	136½	+1	7.2	6.6	...
152.60	Carclo Eng	349	-1	...	4.6	16.3
28.10	Care UK	7	+½	...	...	...
1,704.00	Carnaud Md	2112½	+84½	...	2.3	16.4
4.64	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
59.10	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
89.90	Cathay Ind	32	-1	...	...	...
146.60	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
11.60	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
645.40	Charter	754	-18	...	3.7	21.4
64.10	Chemring	280	-8	...	4.1	14.8
4.80	Chieftain Gp	96	...	...	7.8	11.2
263.40	Christies Int	163 ↑	-4½	...	1.5	28.8
12.10	Claybithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
4.19	Cohen (A)	540	+30	3.4	0.8	...
81.50	Community H	247 ↑	-3½	...	4.0	∞
102.80	Concentric	189	...	...	3.9	15.7
59.40	Cook (Wm)	269	-12	...	3.5	12.9
1,317.90	Cookson	234 ↑	-5	...	3.5	21.2
12.20	Copymore	115 ↑	...	...	4.5	16.3
45.70	Crittall Pkr 'A'	113 ↑	-13	...	6.3	25.3
15.10	Cosalt	132	+1	...	5.9	...
9.01	Creighton Nt	195	-6	...	4.9	∞
56.90	CrestaCare	30 ↑	-1	...	3.2	...
1,628.70	Dana	1650	-75	...	...	...
507.30	Danka Bs Sys	269	-14	...	0.7	22.9
113.80	David Brown	198	-36	...	4.0	14.0
1,787.20	De La Rue	926	+6	...	2.7	19.7
47.10	Denby Group	141	-9	...	2.7	13.7
4.04	Dinkie Heel	33	-1	...	5.4	9.5
251.60	Diploma	450	-1½	...	3.5	16.0
100.20	Dobson Park	80	-2	...	5.9	15.8
1.73	Dyson (J&J)	105	...	...	4.2	∞
9.88	Dyson 'A'	82	-2	...	5.3	∞
6.70	EIG	14½	+½	0.1	0.9	9.5
176.70	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
2.03	Elbief	16	-1	...	...	...
9.46	Elco	32	...	...	...	...
2,148.60	Electrolux 'B'	3015½	+50	...	1.8	51.1
30.80	Elliott (B)	87	...	...	1.4	13.3
1,095.20	Eng China Cl	359 ↑	+4	...	5.7	17.3
28.30	Environmed	123	-1	...	0.2	...
6,653.80	Ericsson 'B'	3350	-18½	...	1.2	28.9
31.50	Eurocopy	65	...	...	3.5	19.1
62.60	Expamet	99 ↑	-½	...	3.3	70.1
278.60	Fairey Group	370 ↑	-5	...	2.1	19.6
98.10	Fenner	142	...	...	0.4	...
9.31	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
8.72	Ferrum	35	-3	...	...	...
7.30	Fife Indmar	60 ↑	+2	...	5.7	8.8
753.30	Fisons	109	-8	...	3.1	...
108.50	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	10.8	...
73.90	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
13.50	Folkes Group nv	44 ↑	-2	1.5	4.3	...
11.20	French (Thmas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
144.30	From Group	205 ↑	-33	...	3.3	20.6
30.30	GEI Int	82	-1	...	2.3	23.0
2,062.20	GKN	598 ↑	-20½	...	4.3	34.9
7.34	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
4.92	Garton Eng	129	-4	...	4.5	34.6
239.10	Gestetner	121 ↓	-2	...	2.5	...
14.10	Gleves	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
17,543.20	Glaxo	575 ↑	-10½	...	5.0	14.1
9.07	Glenchewton	31	-5	...	...	...
675.00	Glynwed	325	...	...	4.5	18.8
103.30	Goode Durrant	192	-2	...	3.9	15.1
75.80	Grampian Hdg	109	-21	...	6.4	41.4
2,852.70	Granada	491	-18	...	2.3	19.4
5.78	Green (Ernest)	75 ↑	+½	...	10.0	∞
18.60	Greenacre	10½	+½	...	4.1	13.7
72.50	Haden MacLn	66 ↑	-9	...	3.8	17.0
8.47	Hadleigh	117	...	...	2.1	13.7
22.80	Halkin Hldgs	62	...	...	...	48.4
46.70	Hall Eng	147 ↑	-2	...	6.8	11.5
636.50	Halma	214	-1	...	1.4	25.1
42.20	Hampson Ind	69	-1	...	3.6	13.1
11,583.80	Hanson	227	-3½	...	6.6	20.3
15.40	Harris (Philip)	143	-7	...	6.0	17.7
1,344.60	Harrisn Crsfld	163 ↑	-½	...	6.9	18.5
42.70	Havelock Euro	164	-6	...	1.5	19.5
4.20	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
5.64	Headway	35 ↑	...	...	2.5	27.2
732.00	Hepworth	302 ↑	+5½	...	6.1	17.2
4.41	Hewitt (J)	130	-10	...	3.1	...
2.64	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
46.00	Hill & Smith	138	-3	...	5.3	15.0
3.71	Holders Tech	119	...	...	8.3	12.9
41.40	Hopkinsons	53	-4	...	3.1	...
15.00	Hornby	182	-1	...	6.2	15.9
244.30	Howden	84	-1	...	3.6	13.5
59.70	Hozelock	251	-8	...	3.0	17.8
160.50	Hunting	165	-10	...	7.6	32.6
118.90	Huntigh Tec	420 ↑	+2½	...	1.6	19.6
969.40	IMI	297 ↑	+6	...	4.3	25.2
47.10	ISA Intl	118	+2	...	1.8	14.7
12.20	Intercare Gp	43	-4	...	10.2	4.6
36.00	Isotron	288 ↑	...	...	2.1	∞
3,659.70	Jardine Math	509½	-28½	...	2.8	11.7
1,021.90	Johnson Matth	536	-13	...	2.7	21.3
55.50	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
30.40	Johnston	287	+8	...	2.0	...
7.97	Jones Shipman	31	+1	...	...	...
5.57	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
200.20	Kalon	149½	-9	...	3.7	14.2
9.37	Kelsey Ind	305	+3	...	3.3	...
304.20	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
23.40	Kleeneze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
417.40	Laird	354	-19	...	3.9	16.5
45.30	Lilleshall	160 ↑	-4	...	3.7	16.8
15.50	Lincat	219 ↑	+3	...	3.9	∞
69.00	Linton Park	403	-2	...	5.5	11.4
10.30	Lionheart	5½	-½	...	7.1	11.9
4.95	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	∞
284.20	Lon Intl	84	-3	...	...	...
1,085.80	Lonrho	140½	+9	...	3.6	38.6
395.20	Low & Bonar	402	-5	...	3.2	16.0
71.30	ML Hldgs	45	-1	...	2.4	15.6
13.40	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
48.50	MY Holdings	55	-3	...	3.4	13.3
208.80	Macfarlane	260 ↑	+1	...	2.0	20.9
413.60	McKechnie	426	-12	...	4.3	20.4
69.00	McLeod Russel	114	-1	...	6.7	17.8
4.13	Magnolia	72	-1	...	0.2	...
24.60	Mang Bronze	149	-18	...	2.9	16.8
45.20	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
37.10	Mayborn	182 ↑	-1	...	3.9	12.4
113.80	Mayflower	57 ↑	...	...	3.1	23.2
447.10	Medeva	162 ↑	+14	...	2.2	13.0
164.50	Meggitt	76 ↑	...	...	6.5	12.2
97.30	Metalrax	107 ↑	-2	...	4.4	17.8
24.10	Metrotect	100	-2	...	4.3	∞
20.60	Metsec	133	+2	...	2.8	18.4
35.30	Midstates	70	...	...	...	9.7
30.80	Middlesex Hlds ♣	5½	-½	...	...	...
167.70	Molins	541 ↑	-1	...	3.7	10.9
697.70	Morgan Crble	319	-5	...	5.1	15.2
24.40	Morris Ashby	209	-1	...	3.6	∞
9.08	Neepsend	37	-1	...	4.2	17.3
31.40	Nestor-BNA	42 ↑	-1	...	9.4	10.4
27.50	Nobo Gp	225 ↓	-9	...	3.3	14.5
218.50	Norcros	125	+1	...	7.0	22.4
17.00	Novo Group	27	...	...	0.9	∞
22.20	OMI Intl	50	-2	...	4.4	...
13.70	PCT	155 ↑	...	...	6.0	∞
3.29	Pacer Systems	70	-1	...	7.0	22.7
6.12	Pascoe's	40	-1	...	...	...
357.60	Pentland	99 ↑	-2	...	3.6	19.6
126.90	Photo-Me	209 ↑	-½	...	2.9	∞
1,456.20	Pilkington	184	-3	...	2.7	79.1
17.00	Plant & Gen	53	-2	...	4.2	∞
173.20	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
197.60	Polypipe	126 ↑	-12	...	2.3	∞
35.80	Porter Chadbrn	38	-2	...	...	...
263.70	Powerscreen	301	-14½	...	3.0	13.4
35.80	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.9	9.3
8.15	RFS Group	68 ↑	-1	...	4.8	12.3
0.82	Radiant Metal	60	-5	...	...	...
3,266.30	Rank Org	394	-8½	...	4.0	25.3
33.00	Ransomes	58	-1	...	...	...
2,007.80	Reckitt Colm	534 ↑	-7	...	4.3	13.3
28.30	Record	85	-3	...	5.4	18.9
5.15	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
52.80	Relyon	249	-10	...	2.7	45.4
142.30	Renishaw	291	+3	...	3.0	∞
177.50	Renold	178	-1	...	1.8	24.7
7,443.20	Reuters	446½	-29	...	1.9	22.4
11.30	Rexmore	73	...	...	4.3	7.4
61.10	Ricardo Group	138 ↑	-1	...	5.4	∞
4.44	Richard (Leics)	53	-1	...	5.3	37.9
29.90	Richardson West	83 ↑	...	...	4.9	18.2
31.50	Ropner	136 ↑	...	...	6.9	15.4
19.60	Ross Gp	14	...	...	3.6	...
142.60	Rotork	163 ↑	-5	...	3.4	16.6
29.90	Rubicon	137 ↑	...	...	4.2	15.5
21.60	Russell (A)	93	-3	...	3.1	18.9
28.20	STEP Indl	35	-3	...	3.2	16.5
664.70	SKF 'B'	1075	-28½	...	...	...
491.40	Scapa	207	-4	...	3.6	17.7
98.40	Scholl	146 ↑	-10	...	5.5	14.0
171.40	Scotia	273	-1	...	...	...
58.30	Securicor	1406	-83	...	0.3	34.8
687.40	Securicor 'A'	895	-50	...	0.4	22.2
783.50	Security Serv	715	-48	...	1.0	22.6
334.00	Senior Eng	111	-2½	...	3.9	17.9
103.20	Setun Health	335	-2	...	2.4	17.1
8.94	Shiloh	153	-2	...	2.9	10.1
121.30	Sidlaw	221	-30	...	6.1	10.8
2,152.80	Siebe	503	-37	...	2.7	16.2
100.90	Silentnight	218	+1	...	4.6	13.5
2,940.60	Sime Darby	167	-6	...	3.3	∞
158.00	Simon Eng	101	...	...	...	...
42.10	Sinclair (Wm)	193	-3	...	4.5	15.6
39.80	Six Hundred	74	+1	...	2.5	...
1,535.40	Smith & Neph	141½	+½	...	4.5	15.6
5,724.20	SmithKline	410 ↑	-11	...	3.3	16.2
4,925.60	SmithKline Uts	376 ↑	-15	...	3.6	14.6
1,232.70	Smiths Ind	412	-9	...	3.7	16.5
46.40	Sthn Bus	48	-2	...	9.7	7.5
99.90	Spandex	253	-10	...	1.2	20.3
331.40	Spirax-Sarco	427 ↑	-1½	...	2.9	18.1
199.40	Spring Ram	44	-1½	...	1.4	...
234.30	Staveley	205	-2	...	5.2	59.9
65.00	Sterling Ind	232	-15	...	3.4	29.8
195.10	Suter	187 ↓	-10	...	7.0	16.1
	Swire Pacfc 'A'	476	-18½	...	1.9	∞
26.60	Sylvone	159 ↑	-6	...	3.9	17.6
1,614.60	TI	345 ↑	-2	...	4.1	19.1
13.00	TLS Range	36 ↑	-3	...	3.5	14.5
358.10	TT Group	349 ↑	-6½	...	2.4	∞
220.60	Tarkare	216	+5	2.0	1.2	18.8
4,652.40	Takeda Chem	760½	+17½	...	0.8	14.4
8.58	Tinsley (E)	119	-1	...	5.9	19.4
20.20	Tineo	185	-5	...	2.9	15.7
2,340.80	Tomkins	209 ↑	-12½	...	4.6	13.4
847.20	Trafalgar H	79	-5	...	1.6	...
48.80	Transfer Tech	51	+2	...	8.3	5.3
87.50	Triplex Lloyd	135	-4	...	6.5	∞
440.70	UniChem	258 ↑	-2	...	3.3	14.6
58.10	Unidare	300	...	...	3.6	16.3
11.00	Unigroup	35	-3	...	...	...
8,902.40	Unilever	1095	-29	25.0	2.9	15.8
11,314.10	Unilever (NV)	7047½	-181½	...	3.0	14.3
33.60	Utd Inds	15 ↓	...	...	0.8	...
440.50	VSEL	1178	-32	...	3.6	11.4
19.90	Verson	13½	+1	...	...	...
553.70	Vickers	168 ↑	-6½	...	2.6	17.8
100.20	Victaulic	247 ↑	-13	...	4.1	13.6
13.50	Vibert Grp ♣	11½	...	...	...	...
209.70	Vinten	509	-4	...	2.0	16.5
225.30	Vosper Thorny	706	-4	...	3.2	15.3
13.10	WSP Hldgs	56 ↑	-2	...	4.2	32.8
215.80	Wagon Ind	465	-10	...	4.8	23.7
101.30	Walker Greenbk	105	-1	...	4.1	20.5
535.10	Wassall	278 ↑	-1	...	1.6	22.9
41.10	Watford Wdged	58	-1	...	...	45.2
519.40	Weir	265 ↓	+3	...	3.1	15.8
5,804.90	Wellcome	666	+18½	...	3.2	15.2
45.60	Wellington Hdg	193 ↑	-2	...	3.3	18.6
46.10	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
177.50	West Hlthcare	348	-6	...	1.6	∞
91.80	Whatman	359 ↑	-8	...	3.3	14.8
29.40	Whessoe	102	-2	...	10.2	7.6
62.10	Whitecroft	142	+3	...	1.8	22.4
14.30	Widney	9½	-1½	...	...	...
1,907.40	Williams Hldg	330 ↑	-9½	...	3.0	20.4
47.40	Wilshaw	57	+½	...	1.3	23.4
1,982.80	Wolseley	721	-46	...	2.5	17.5
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
21.00	Wyko	65 ↑	...	...	1.0	∞
12.10	Young (H)	73	-5	...	5.7	78.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
542.00	Alex & Alex	1237½	...	...	5.4	...
3,505.00	Am Gen	1675	-37½	...	4.4	...
18.70	Archer	51	+1	...	2.5	...
51.30	Bradstock	85	-7	...	8.2	9.8
731.90	Britannic	386	-1	...	4.2	...
77.60	CLM Insce	90	-1	1.4	2.0	...
3,430.60	Com Union	519 ↓	+16	...	6.1	19.6
113.60	Dom & Gen	1620 ↑	...	...	2.1	17.9
107.50	FAI	36	-3	...	1.3	...
51.00	Fenchurch Grp	143	-1	...	6.3	12.8
2,468.80	Gen Accident	545	-3	...	6.5	8.6
1,593.20	GRE	182½	-½	...	5.4	20.1
161.20	Heath C E	245	-9	...	8.2	...
111.90	Independent	251 ↑	-2	...	4.6	7.1
163.50	JIB Group	128 ↑	-3	...	7.3	11.7
2,156.00	Legal & Gen	440 ↑	...	...	5.8	14.8
3,067.40	Liberty Life	1287½	-65½	...	8.0	5.0
256.20	LIMIT	91½	-2½	...	1.4	∞
2,272.80	Lloyds Abbey	322 ↑	-3	...	7.1	9.9
109.70	Lloyd Thomp	157 ↑	-1½	...	6.2	10.3
62.30	Lombard Ins	175	-5	...	5.5	∞
392.60	Londn & Man	325 ↑	-5	...	6.2	16.2
101.40	Lowndes Lmb	171	-6	...	5.5	10.8
3,520.00	Marsh McLn	4775 ↑	-125	...	3.8	...
78.60	Nelson Hurst	174 ↑	+4	...	4.0	17.4
28.00	Oriel	115	-1	...	5.5	∞
10.90	PWS	35½	-3½	...	10.6	...
5,675.00	Prudential	299 ↑	+1½	...	5.7	12.9
421.80	Refuge	268 ↑	+2½	...	3.5	∞
1,852.50	Royal	285 ↑	-3	...	3.9	7.2
780.80	Sedgwick	143 ↑	-2	...	5.2	16.2
52.20	Steel Burrill	109 ↑	+1	...	10.3	...
36.90	Sturge Hldgs	73	+13	...	5.1	...
2,581.60	Sun Alliance	319½	-1½	...	5.9	8.9
113.30	Trade Indemnity	62	-2	...	1.8	13.7
1,012.30	Transatlantic	335 ↑	-2	...	4.5	30.3
397.70	Utd Friendly	485 ↑	-8	...	4.4	24.9
636.60	Willis Corroon	152	+5	...	5.4	14.7
7.77	Windsor	23	-1	...	...	18.1

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,845.20	3i	316½	-10	...	2.6	...
869.40	Alliance	1725 ↑	-11	...	3.4	...
463.70	Anglo & O'seas	406	-9	...	2.2	...
60.90	BZW Conv	119 ↑	+2	...	8.2	∞
277.30	Bankers	179	-5½	...	2.7	...
160.10	Baring Tribne	312	-4	...	2.6	...
11.40	Berry Starq	230	...	2.2	1.2	∞
353.30	Br Assets	92 ↑	-2	...	5.9	...
122.70	Br Empire Sec	92½	-1½	...	1.3	...
3.05	Br Empire Wts	38	+½	...	...	...
620.90	Br Inv	199	-1	...	3.0	...
148.50	Brunner	232	-3	...	2.9	...
42.90	Cont Asset	196	-3	...	1.9	...
18.80	Derby Inc	159	-1	...	12.4	...
42.30	Derby Cap	275	...	...	...	...
9.73	Draytn Blue	77	-1	...	13.6	...
43.60	Drytn Eng Intl	89	-5	...	1.1	...
158.40	Drytn Far East	137 ↑	-2½	...	0.6	...
198.70	Dunedin Inc G	821 ↑	-15	...	5.3	...
35.20	Dunedin Japan	88	-2	...	...	...
3.56	Dunedin Wts	44½	-1½	...	...	...
52.90	Dunedin Smlr	315	-4	...	3.6	...
254.60	Dunedin Wwde	780	-12	...	1.6	...
875.50	Edinburgh	298	-3	...	3.7	...
548.70	Electra Inv	317	-1½	...	2.8	...
173.60	Electric Gen	192	-1	...	2.1	...
1.46	English Scot	111	-2	...	...	...
74.10	European Asset	297	-6	...	2.0	...
76.10	Fidly Euro Val	146	-3	...	0.3	...
130.50	Fidly Jap Val	87	-2½	...	...	...
37.20	Finsbury 'A'	155	-4	3.0	2.4	...
195.00	Fleming Amer	391½	-3½	...	0.5	...
45.80	Fleming Chinese	76	-2	...	...	...
4.50	Fleming Wts	37½	-1	...	...	...
107.10	Fleming Claver	201 ↑	-3	...	3.4	...
197.50	Fleming Contl	302½	-20	...	0.9	...
78.80	Fleming Emrg	197	-6	...	3.0	...
550.40	Fleming F East	364	-4	1.5	0.5	...
44.80	Fleming Fledg	394	-13	...	1.1	...
29.80	Fleming Hi Inc	92	-2	...	6.0	...
449.50	Fleming Japan	260	-4	...	0.2	...
408.90	Fleming Merc	283 ↑	-3	...	3.0	...
381.10	Fleming Overs	287 ↑	-2	...	1.9	...
1,418.80	Foreign & Col	135	...	...	1.7	...
128.80	Frgn Emg Mkts	128½	-6	0.2	0.3	...
68.30	Frgn Enterprise	70½	-1	...	1.1	...
133.60	Frgn Eurotst	222	-8	...	0.7	...
45.60	Frgn German	116	-5	...	0.5	...
366.00	Frgn Pacific	318 ↑	-1½	...	1.0	...
169.60	Frgn Smaller	162	-4½	...	1.5	...
153.50	GT Japan	246 ↑	+1	...	0.6	...
28.00	Genl Cons Cap	154½	-16½	...	...	...
39.10	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
35.20	Govett Am Smlr	141	-3	...	...	...
43.50	Gov Emg Mkt	121	...	...	0.3	...
18.50	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...	...	...
37.80	Govett High Inc	79 ↑	-1	...	7.0	...
709.80	Govett Oriental	395	-3	...	0.3	...
235.70	Govett Strategic	240	-4	...	3.5	...
48.20	Greenfriar	419	-6	...	2.0	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
57.50	Herald	88½	-1½	...	...	...
	Int Biotech	91	-3	...	...	...
	Int Wts	38	-3	...	...	...
306.80	Inv Cap	124	-4	...	3.2	...
28.40	IRS UK Smlr	98	-8	...	3.6	...
36.80	INVESCO Korea	160	-1	...	...	...
157.90	Kleinwort Cht	199	-5	...	3.3	...
382.50	Klnwt Euro Prvt	76½	-½	...	...	...
26.50	Klnwt Euro Wts	29½	-1	...	...	...
186.10	Klnwt O'seas	232 ↑	-4½	...	1.8	...
17.30	Klnwt Smlr	131 ↑	-1	...	3.0	...
162.30	Law Debenture	713	-34	...	3.4	...
102.90	Majedie	156	-3	...	3.2	...
259.80	Merchants	254 ↑	-½	...	5.5	...
93.70	Mercury Euro Pr	81½	+½	...	...	...
33.90	Mercury Wts	29½	...	...	...	...
496.20	Merc Wld Mg	109½	-3	...	...	...
34.10	Mercury Wld Wts	40	-3	...	...	...
4,168.90	Merrill Lynch	2087½	-75	...	...	...
402.00	Monks Inv Tst	518	-6	...	1.7	...
52.00	Morg Gren Inc	131	...	...	4.3	...
2.47	Morg Wts	51	+1	...	...	...
67.10	Morg Latn Amer	104½	-4	...	...	...
7.51	Morg Wts	58½	-2	...	...	...
20.10	Murray Ent	109½	+9½	...	2.3	...
1.64	Murray Wts	24	-3	...	...	...
17.40	Murray Euro	58	-2	...	0.6	...
1.02	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
274.60	Murray Income	325 ↑	-4	...	4.6	...
394.30	Murray Intl	328 ↑	-4½	...	4.8	...
267.60	Murray Small	477	-13	...	1.1	...
6.88	Murray S/C Inc	86	-1	...	13.4	...
7.05	Murray S/C Cap	142	-4	...	...	...
1.48	Murray S/C Uts	2850	-100	...	...	...
10.00	Murray S/C DF	250½	-½	...	...	...
74.80	Murray Vent	305 ↑	-8	...	4.7	∞
24.30	Nwthng Inc	62	-2	...	9.7	...
133.60	O'seas Inv Tst	249	-3	...	1.1	...
3.64	O'seas Wts	203	-4	...	...	...
103.20	Pacific Assets	306	-12	...	0.3	...
13.00	Pacific Wts	402	-17	...	...	...
12.90	Personal Assets	4800	...	105	2.9	...
318.00	RIT Cap Ptnr	178	+1	...	1.1	...
22.20	River & Merc	113 ↑	-2	...	10.2	...
	Robeco	414	-8	...	3.1	...
	Rolinco	428	-16	...	1.9	...
105.30	St Andrew Inv	306	-12	...	3.3	...
348.80	Scot American	156	-2½	...	3.8	...
60.30	Scot Asian	287	-2	...	...	...
5.59	Scot Wts	798	-30	...	...	...
588.70	Scot Eastern	79½	-1½	...	2.5	...
534.40	Scottish	289½	-4	...	3.0	∞
789.90	Scottish Mtge	219	-2½	...	2.3	...
35.30	Scottish Value	130	-1	...	2.2	...
291.50	Second Alliance	1510 ↑	-22	...	3.3	∞
259.40	Secs Tst of Scot	87	-1	...	5.0	...
45.40	Selective Asset	157	-2	...	1.2	...
50.90	Sphere Inv	42	-1½	...	10.1	...
76.10	TR Far East	162	-5	...	4.0	...
285.00	TR City Of Lon	139½	-1½	...	4.7	...
150.80	TR Pacific	112½	+2½	...	0.2	...
154.10	TR Property	129½	...	...	3.4	...
39.30	TR Tech Inv	169	-6	...	2.0	...
335.97	TR Smlr Cos	189½	-7	...	2.3	...
163.50	Temple Bar	321	-12	...	5.5	...
108.20	Throgm Asian E	108	-3	...	0.6	...
227.80	Throgmorton	79	-4	...	3.8	...
17.10	Thrgm Dual Cp	450	-13	...	...	...
86.70	USDC Invest	237 ↑	-5	...	2.4	...
46.70	Value Inc Tst	108½	-2½	...	4.6	...
848.40	Witan	225	-1½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
499.50	Airtours	451	+1	...	2.5	15.6
13.30	Ald Leis	19	-1	...	...	...
220.20	Alpha Airpts	146 ↑	+1½	...	3.5	∞
21.50	Baldwin	113 ↑	-3	...	3.9	19.4
22.80	Barr & W 'A'	278 ↑	...	...	4.5	11.6
67.60	Boosey Hwks	345	+8½	...	1.9	28.7
17.50	Border TV	189	-17	...	3.0	14.1
10.50	Brent Walker	3	-½	...	...	...
11.40	Bristol Scots	188	+3	...	...	...
3.01	Buckingham Int	2½	-½	...	...	...
3.85	Campari	37	...	...	...	...
260.60	Capital Radio	357	-19	...	2.2	31.5
1,822.20	Carlton Comm	834	-24	...	3.0	18.0
57.20	Chrysalis	213	+7	3.2	1.9	...
756.20	Compass Gp	318	-1	...	2.7	18.7
71.00	Eurocamp	270	...	8.9	4.6	11.7
696.20	Euro Disney	91	-4	...	...	...
21.90	Euro Leisure	2½	-½	...	...	...
14.50	Fairline Boats	415	-11	...	3.6	26.9
181.00	First Choice	116	-9	...	3.8	...
428.90	First Leisure	262½	-3½	...	3.2	17.4
401.00	Flextech	430	+15	...	...	...
63.20	GWR Gp	908	-5	...	1.4	32.0
42.10	Grampian	334	-8	...	2.8	17.8
129.40	HTV Group	148 ↑	-8½	...	1.5	23.1
18.00	Hi-Tec Sports	37	-8	...	0.6	5.2
35.10	Kunick	17½	-1½	...	...	...
169.20	London Clubs	239	-3	...	6.2	12.2
82.80	Man Utd	679	-15	...	4.8	∞
33.30	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
21.10	Northern	65	+3	...	4.0	∞
65.70	The Pelican Gp	93	...	...	1.5	∞
10.60	Prism Leisure	126	-4	...	4.1	8.8
11.00	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
23.30	Ramsdens (H)	264	-1	...	2.1	39.2
53.00	Scott Radio	580	-16	...	2.3	22.7
228.50	Scot TV	474	-20	...	3.3	36.0
32.20	SelecTV	22½	+½	...	...	...
176.10	Stanley Leisure	328	...	...	2.0	18.5
7.37	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
1,050.40	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
21.80	Tottenham Hot	136 ↑	-7	...	0.9	36.5
74.30	Ulster TV	708 ↑	-12	...	2.9	21.8
58.30	VCI	150	+1	...	1.8	13.4
92.90	Vardon	123 ↑	+4	...	1.2	22.8
189.60	Yorkshire TV	374	-10	...	...	...
9.07	Zeners Gp	138	-9	...	7.7	∞

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,123.60	Ang Am	3488½	-48½	...	2.8	33.3
878.60	Ang Am Coal	3487½	...	...	2.6	18.9
1,654.90	Ang Am Gold	4853½	-286½	...	3.5	30.6
19.80	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1,039.90	Ashanti	1309½	+37½	...	...	...
44.50	Balyrchik	297	-7	...	...	...
38.50	Blyvoors	162½	-7½	...	...	...
2.20	Bracken	15½	-1½	...	5.6	...
89.80	Buffels	817½	-22½	...	6.0	∞
6.47	Burnt	2½	-½	...	...	...
5,190.60	CRA	822	-21	...	2.4	27.8
33.60	Cluff Res	49½	-1½	...	...	...
13.80	Coal Inv	145	+22	...	...	...
5,679.30	De Beers	1489½	+6½	...	3.5	15.9
113.80	Deelkraal	116½	+1	...	3.0	10.3
39.50	Doornfontein	98½	-¼	...	...	...
1,996.10	Driefontein	978½	-28½	...	4.3	14.5
19.70	Durban	848½	-7½	...	...	...
83.10	E Rand Gold	181	-5½	...	9.7	6.9
151.20	E Rand Prop	114	+1	...	...	...
476.30	Elandsrand	491½	-4½	...	3.2	11.5
1,285.80	FS Cons	1880½	-9½	...	6.4	11.2
18.20	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1,798.20	GFSA	1865½	...	...	2.0	22.0
2,898.50	Gencor	218½	-5	...	1.5	26.5
305.00	GM Kalgoorli	57	-5	...	2.4	21.5
17.40	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	-¼	...	...	...
20.70	Grootvlei	181	-6	...	5.2	9.6
160.20	Harmony	596	-8½	...	...	...
392.20	Hartebs	359½	-20	...	8.0	10.4
934.40	Impala Plat	1478½	-34½	...	1.7	46.1
198.10	Kinross	1100	-50½	...	4.3	15.4
1,448.70	Kloof	1049½	-26½	...	3.0	11.0
20.30	Leslie	127	-1	...	6.2	∞
58.70	Loraine	358½	-3	...	...	...
180.20	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	...	...
1,249.50	MIM	125	-6	...	2.0	∞
3,649.10	Minorco	1609½	-43½	...	1.9	...
1,134.70	Nth Bkn Hill	170	-7	...	2.2	∞
9,298.90	RTZ	871½	-7	...	3.0	25.6
275.80	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	3.0	24.8
470.90	Randfontein	770½	-20	...	2.3	17.5
451.40	Renison	227	-23	...	4.1	∞
2,146.80	Rustnbrg	1728½	-15½	...	1.7	∞
68.80	St Helena	715½	-18	...	3.6	∞
579.20	Southvaal	2084½	-61½	...	4.2	21.8
16.70	Stilfontein	127½	-9½	...	16.6	4.5
55.10	Unisel	156½	-7½	...	3.0	15.3
8,050.30	Vaal Reefs	6259½	-281½	...	3.7	11.2
434.00	Western Areas	1070½	+6½	...	6.5	10.2
908.20	Western Deep	3278½	+12½	...	3.1	11.5
4,053.90	Wstrn Mining	369	-2	...	1.0	...
109.10	Winkels	890½	-12½	...	5.2	12.7
72.30	Zambia Copper	39	...	...	...	...
84.60	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.6	13.1

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.66	Abbey Panels	283	+5	...	...	...
11.80	Airflow Strmln	138	-2	5.0	2.7	20.8
78.40	Appleyard	118 ↑	...	...	6.1	20.8
16.60	Blackley Mtr	270 ↑	-5	...	4.8	11.1
46.70	Bostrom	256	-10	...	2.6	16.7
1,720.70	Br Aerospace	454 ↑	+5½	...	2.5	38.9
40.10	Burndene	38	-1½	...	6.6	11.1
9.95	Caffyns	300	...	...	4.8	20.2
30.60	Cliverdale	14½	-½	...	1.3	16.4
13.40	Central Mtr	98	-1	...	4.5	24.2
17.20	Cook (DC)	40	-4	...	3.1	∞
309.10	Cowie	216	-3½	...	4.8	10.6
34.10	Dag Motors	141 ↑	-8	...	5.8	16.2
29.60	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
32.10	ERF	327	...	...	0.8	...
100.00	Eurodollar	204	...	...	5.2	16.0
59.00	European Mtr	110	-10	...	4.8	11.5
148.10	Evans Halshaw	397 ↑	...	...	4.5	12.5
210.20	FR Group	278	-9	...	3.4	15.2
17,279.00	Ford Motor	1712½	-25	...	...	...
19,628.80	General Mtr	2760½	-200	...	1.8	...
6.91	Gowrings	76 ↑	...	...	3.3	23.1
132.10	Henlys	277 ↑	-7	...	3.4	14.8
10,812.10	Honda Motor	1110½	+59½	...	0.4	...
5.74	Jacks (Wm)	53	-5	...	...	12.3
260.30	Kwik-Fit	151 ↑	-3	...	3.3	17.3
334.50	Lex Service	351	-8	...	4.8	13.4
35.50	Lookers	182	-16	...	4.7	11.3
1,358.70	Lucas	177	-19	...	4.8	...
23.10	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
89.50	Pendragon	232 ↑	-5	...	4.0	15.2
41.50	Perry Gp	167 ↑	-½	...	5.2	9.2
38.00	Quicks Group	152 ↑	-2	...	4.3	16.0
2,145.50	Rolls-Royce	175 ↑	-5½	...	3.6	30.9
1,105.20	T & N	209½	-14	...	6.3	18.7
161.90	Trinity Hldgs	315	-8	...	2.6	22.6
75.50	Vardy (Reg)	168	-2	...	5.5	15.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
47.00	Adscene	293 ↑	-1	...	2.8	21.0
5.28	Black (A&C)	340	-3	...	5.0	14.4
235.50	Blenheim Gp	253	+7	...	5.2	9.3
61.30	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
66.90	Daily Mail	1337½	-12½	...	1.4	31.3
956.20	Daily Mail 'A'	1399½	+9½	...	1.0	22.5
188.60	Dorling Kind	291½	+3½	...	1.4	∞
4,095.00	Elsevier	627½	+19½	...	3.1	20.2
734.30	EMAP	372 ↑	-5	...	2.9	23.1
393.80	Euromoney Pb	1805	...	...	2.8	31.8
4.60	Harrington K	40	-6	...	6.9	∞
69.20	Haynes Pub	443 ↑	...	...	2.5	26.3
117.60	Hodder H'line	337 ↑	-11	...	2.0	34.9
17.50	Home Counts	175 ↑	...	...	3.6	42.9
83.70	Intl Bus Comm	215 ↑	-13	...	2.0	10.4
6.40	Int Cat & Data	10	...	...	...	...
341.20	Independent	250	-8	...	2.6	9.9
208.50	Johnston Press	486 ↑	+7	...	1.4	23.0
41.50	MAID	51	-8	...	...	77.4
47.00	Metal Bulletin	475 ↑	-9	...	2.9	24.7
180.60	Midland Ind	131 ↓	-1	...	2.7	17.9
544.70	Mirror Gp	131 ↑	+2	...	1.0	6.9
6,765.60	News Corp	384 ↑	-40	...	0.4	23.8
1,588.60	News Intl	330 ↑	-12	...	0.8	12.2
3,301.00	Pearson	598 ↑	+16	...	2.8	20.6
77.40	Portsmth Sund	445	+9	...	2.1	15.9
4,355.50	Reed Int	775	+9	...	2.3	23.4
34.80	Shippegelos	227	-2	...	3.6	28.6
63.10	Sterling Pub	126 ↑	-13	...	3.9	11.6
446.20	Telegraph	330 ↑	...	...	4.9	11.4
4,023.80	Thomson Corp	695	-49	30.1	3.4	34.7
271.70	Trinity Intl	386 ↑	-5	...	3.2	18.2
3.73	Unik Group	35	-1	...	...	...
1,194.10	Utd Nwspapers	489 ↑	-1½	...	5.8	11.8

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
96.80	Arno Energy	37	+1½	...	...	22.4
26.50	Arcon Intl	46	...	...	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	65	-3	...	...	...
14.80	Aviva Pet	40	...	...	...	...
2.26	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
89.50	Br Borneo	199 ↑	-9	...	4.5	9.3
12,642.40	British Gas	281½	-7	...	6.4	...
22,811.00	Br Petroleum	415½	+16	...	2.8	22.8
26.30	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
1,688.00	Burmah Castrl	844	-1	...	4.7	16.6
48.60	Cairn Energy	72	-3	...	...	39.6
441.50	Calor Gp	262	-12	...	6.1	12.3
155.10	Clyde Pet	38 ↑	-2	...	1.2	...
21.20	Copiex Res	13	-1	...	...	...
25.80	Dragon Oil	7½	...	...	...	...
7.50	Edin Oil & Gs	21	...	...	...	...
1,809.10	Enterprise	386 ↑	-1	...	3.2	23.7
54.70	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
60.80	Fortune	5½	-½	...	...	...
84.50	Goal Pet	63	-4	...	2.9	20.9
49.80	Gt Western Res	44	+2	...	...	...
161.60	Hardy O & G	143	+1	...	0.8	18.3
77.60	Kelt Energy	57	...	...	3.5	...
1,457.80	Lasmo	151	-2	...	0.8	...
3.76	Lasmo Uplr	33 ↑	-2	7.8	18.5	...
459.10	Monument	69	-1	...	...	...
4.81	New London	4	-½	...	...	73.7
151.60	Oil Search	43	-2	...	...	...
	Pentex	37½	-3½	...	...	...
76.89	Pict Pet	149½	-5	...	...	∞
59.20	Pittencrieff Rs	105	-2	...	...	...
134.70	Premier	23	-½	...	...	13.6
32.60	Ramco	128	...	...	3.2	...
36.90	Santos Bay	207	-10	...	0.3	...
343.60	Ranger	499	...	...	5.0	...
30,080.90	Royal Dutch	6842½	-15½	...	4.6	17.9
2,527.80	Schlumberger	3980½	+18½	...	2.2	...
31.30	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
21,238.30	Shell	701 ↑	+2½	...	4.5	31.2
3.25	Sunrise Eng Sv	126	-1	...	...	...
1,526.70	Woodside	229	...	...	1.6	...
138.40	XCL	6½	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	-2	...	4.6	13.0
72.10	APL	385	-1	...	2.8	21.9
2,186.30	Arjo Wiggins	203 ↓	-5½	...	3.7	38.6
183.30	Abbott Mead	695 ↑	-2½	...	2.4	30.1
215.80	Aegis Gp	26½	-½	...	...	...
23.60	Ampex	188 ↑	...	...	3.7	16.2
1.46	BBB Design	20	...	...	...	30.7
123.10	Bemrose	387 ↑	+6	...	4.0	13.5
5.85	Bilsdale	9½	...	...	...	...
702.20	Bunzl	185 ↑	-9½	...	3.1	19.4
55.60	CIA Gp	156	-3	...	1.6	22.0
40.50	Capital Inds	168 ↑	-9	...	3.3	13.2
6.52	City of Lon	87	-3	...	6.8	12.7
26.10	Cropper (James)	317	-2	...	3.4	15.8
6.61	Delyn Group	74	-5	...	2.7	14.2
27.40	Dolphin Pack	137	-5	...	4.0	14.3
7.90	Dudley Jenkins	65 ↑	-4	...	5.2	14.6
33.50	Elswick	34½	-1	...	2.5	12.9
29.10	Fairway Group	98	...	...	4.7	17.0
122.30	Ferguson Intl	180	-11	...	5.2	12.9
16.50	Ferry Pick	123 ↓	+5	...	5.4	...
53.80	Filofax	200 ↑	-7	...	1.1	19.8
4.50	Flexi	1½	-½	...	...	...
12.60	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
46.50	Gold Greenlees	176 ↑	...	...	3.8	∞
10.90	Goodhead	27	-3	...	6.2	∞
4.85	Interleurope	130	...	...	7.2	∞
710.10	Jarvis Porter	226½	-1	...	2.3	20.0
10.90	Lopex	26½	-2½	...	1.5	23.2
112.90	More O'Ferrall	347 ↑	-18½	...	4.8	20.9
23.80	Osborne & Little	309	-8	...	2.1	14.1
8.64	Oxley Cremer	33	-3	...	0.3	...
457.30	Portals	585	-30	...	2.9	19.0
5.78	Premier Hldt	2	...	...	...	...
47.80	Quarto	260	...	...	2.9	14.0
342.30	St Ives Gp	315	-2	...	2.3	22.1
341.20	Saatchi	135	...	...	...	39.2
1,341.00	Sappi	894½	-69½	...	3.2	19.8
12.30	Seal	168	...	...	...	...
43.60	Shandwick	47½	-2½	...	1.1	7.1
786.80	Smith David	505	-21	...	2.7	22.5
1,882.10	Smurfit (Jeff)	188	-10	...	1.4	54.5
1.68	Sostic	84	...	...	3.7	9.0
39.80	Sun-Print	485 ↑	-7	...	4.2	17.5
79.50	Taylor Nelson	38½	-2½	...	2.2	21.7
12.30	VTR	178	-13	...	4.2	18.7
16.20	WACO	29½	...	...	2.6	12.0
763.70	WPP	106	-3	...	1.2	15.1
176.40	Wace	225 ↑	-5	...	2.2	14.4
222.70	Waddington (J)	254	-8	...	5.0	10.5
253.70	Watmough	377 ↑	-2	...	2.3	23.9
2.85	Whitney Mck	40	-1	...	...	...
36.50	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.2

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66.80	Allied Lon	36	-2	...	5.2	12.0
29.30	Arcadian	48	...	...	...	...
144.40	Argent	383	-4	...	...	...
9.20	Ascot Hldgs	2½	-½	...	...	...
92.10	Asda	117	+1	...	2.6	20.6
54.40	Avonside	125	-1	...	4.4	14.2
6,770.60	BCE	2209½	-69½	...	...	...
252.70	Bilton	362	-12	...	5.1	17.4
42.60	Bourne End	82	-2	...	1.5	...
266.60	Bradford	184	-4	...	4.4	13.0
1,271.10	Br Land	385	+5	...	2.4	34.6
8.26	Brightsone	115	-3	...	4.0	26.5
414.40	Brixton	178 ↑	-7	...	5.7	15.8
287.93	Burford	98	+2	...	2.2	28.2
100.90	CLS Hldgs	102 ↑	-5½	...	6.0	...
67.00	Cap & Regnl	149	-5	...	1.3	58.7
708.80	Cap Shop Ctrs	185	...	...	4.2	48.8
8.85	Cardiff Prop	226	...	...	1.4	51.0
387.90	Chelsfield	158 ↑	-1	...	1.9	55.6
101.30	Chesterfield	514	-8	...	2.9	23.1
40.10	Chesterton Int	96	+1	...	4.3	13.5
9.20	City Site Ests	85	+1	...	...	...
10.00	Clarke Nickolls	69	+1	...	1.9	13.6
6.45	Conygar	330	...	...	5.5	∞
38.30	Conrad Ritblat GS	32 ↑	...	...	2.0	28.0
216.80	Daejan	1320	-25	...	2.7	15.5
3.15	Davis Estates	9	-½	...	...	...
44.40	Debenham Tewn	108	-4	...	4.1	17.3
3.51	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
30.90	Dencora	166	...	...	2.5	46.6
78.70	Derwent Hldgs	252	-5	...	2.2	22.6
66.80	Development Sec	27	+1	...	0.5	...
23.40	Dwyer	46	-3	...	...	...
22.20	Estates Agency	390 ↑	...	...	3.5	41.7
4.70	Estates Gen	22	-3½	...	...	...
148.50	Evans Of Leeds	112	-1	...	2.8	19.6
29.50	Ex-Lands	39½	+1	...	2.0	∞
28.00	Fiscal Prop	46	...	...	1.1	...
24.40	Five Oaks	25	...	...	1.0	...
5.99	Fletcher King	46	+8	...	4.1	22.6
219.80	Frogmore	435	-6	...	5.0	∞
51.10	Grainger	256	-2	...	2.9	∞
596.80	Gr Portland	187	-1	...	5.3	35.6
150.00	Greycoat	123	+4	...	...	...
4,174.00	HK Land	133½	-3½	...	4.1	∞
128.40	Hambro Cntyw	30	-2	...	2.8	39.6
925.40	Hammerson	327 ↑	-42½	...	0.8	32.8
30.30	Helical Bar	357	-5	...	2.1	14.2
51.50	Hemingway	31½	-1	...	1.8	59.1
4.80	Herring Baker	39	-14	...	4.2	...
15.50	Jermyn	155 ↑	-5	...	...	77.6
3,088.40	Land Sec	608	-30	...	5.0	17.2
209.90	Lon Merch Sec	86	-1	...	6.3	12.7
4.08	Lon & Metro	9	+½	...	...	0.4
1,729.00	MEPC	425	-19	...	5.9	36.4
3.61	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
43.30	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	77.9
9.97	Marlvale Mre	73 ↑	-3	...	3.4	11.2
21.50	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
54.80	Mountview	1199½	-15½	...	7.3	11.9
140.50	Muckllow (A&J)	148	-1	...	3.8	∞
1.39	Olives	32	+2	...	...	...
16.20	Oliver Prop	36	...	...	...	12.7
177.80	PSIT	146	-5	...	4.0	20.7
192.30	Peel	241	-4	...	2.3	∞
165.30	Pillar Prop	147	-4	...	3.1	...
4.94	Power Corp	5½	...	...	...	...
10.80	Premier Land	4½	-½	...	...	...
56.20	Raglan	34	...	...	...	12.5
31.00	Regalian	39½	-5	...	...	10.0
21.20	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	30.8
19.30	Rugby Est	107 ↑	...	...	2.6	...
60.40	St Modwen Prp	53½	...	...	2.9	12.8
10.00	Saville Grdn (I)	80 ↑	...	...	3.6	17.5
25.00	Savills	86	-5	...	4.3	10.7
110.80	Scot Met	85	-1	...	2.3	...
48.20	Shaftesbury	99	-2	...	...	...
874.00	Slough Estates	226 ↑	-10	...	4.5	42.9
68.30	Southend Prop	36	-2	...	5.4	...
26.50	Speyhawk Shops	132	+2	...	2.7	...
31.50	Stanhope Prps	39	-2	...	...	...
45.00	TBI	37½	...	...	...	1.9
77.30	Tops Ests	107 ↑	-5	...	1.7	39.8
120.50	Town Centre	117	-2	...	3.7	20.9
63.10	Trafford Park	93	-1	...	4.3	∞
1.95	UK Land	45	-2	...	...	...
106.90	Warner	220 ↑	-1	...	6.4	21.2
86.48	Warnford	225 ↑	-3	...	4.3	18.6
2.01	Watergiade	2	...	...	...	...
125.00	Watts	67	-1	...	...	...
5.58	Wood John D	68	-1	...	3.7	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.17	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
23.60	Chamb Phipps	165	+1	...	5.5	21.7
17.00	Lambert	138 ↑	-2	...	6.2	13.0
14.10	Pittards	65	-4	...	3.4	...
35.80	Strong & Fisher	21	-2	...	6.0	14.5
48.00	Stylo	105 ↓	-7½	...	2.0	11.1
19.20	UK Safety	50	-3	...	6.6	12.0

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
170.30	Allied Text	498	-8	...	3.4	15.0
5.87	Beckman (A)	48	-3	...	9.3	10.3
3.26	Bolton Gp	17½	+½	...	...	...
20.00	Br Mohair	196 ↑	-1	...	5.4	20.1
162.20	Claremont Gs	301 ↑	+1	...	3.1	16.7
472.90	Coutauld Text	485 ↑	-1	...	3.9	18.5
252.10	Dawson	128	-2	...	2.9	...
5.12	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
8.76	Fespel	75	-2	...	8.2	12.7
2.02	Foster (John)	28	...	...	...	...
7.34	Gaskell	147 ↑	...	...	3.6	...
54.20	Helene Plc	27½	+½	...	8.4	11.1
59.80	Hicking Pntcst	231	-11	...	2.5	16.4
4.60	Jerome (S)	151 ↑	-2½	...	1.6	7.7
102.00	Lamont	159	-12	...	4.7	12.8
78.50	Leeds	279	-5	...	2.7	14.0
6.25	Isler (S)	88	+4	...	5.1	∞
15.80	Parkland	178	...	...	3.5	10.6
190.70	Readicut	77½	+2	...	5.5	18.3
3.35	SEET	46	-2	...	...	...
94.30	Sirdar	101	-2	...	7.0	14.1
50.60	Stirling Gp	58 ↑	-1	...	4.1	16.0
21.80	Stoddard	33	-1	...	6.1	12.4
13.40	Tomkinsons	215	...	...	6.7	20.2
14.40	West Trust	34 ↑	-1	...	9.2	22.8
26.40	Yorklyde	284	-11	...	2.8	12.8

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,221.80	BAT	428 ↑	-7½	...	6.8	11.2
2,962.30	Rothmans	306	+5	...	4.3	20.6

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,003.10	Assoc Br Ports	268 ↑	+1	...	2.3	21.2
4,949.00	BAA	474	-13	...	2.4	20.2
146.50	Bridgerline	116	-9	...	4.5	...
3,442.80	Br Airways	360½	-½	...	3.8	11.3
79.50	Clarkson (H)	87	-5	...	2.9	22.2
1,102.10	Eurotunnel Uts	248	-11	...	...	...
12.00	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
39.00	IOM Steam	130 ↑	...	...	4.2	9.9
16.10	Jacobs (JI)	34 ↑	-2	...	3.8	...
65.10	Lon O'Seas Frts	89 ↑	-1	...	5.3	21
333.10	Mersey Docks	565 ↑	-3	...	3.0	19.2
125.80	Natl Express	314 ↑	-4	...	3.1	18.1
1,191.80	NFC	172	-9	...	4.3	26.4
384.00	Ocean Group	349 ↑	-7	...	7.2	12.5
29.00	Ocean Wilson	73	...	...	6.5	9.4
3,608.00	P & O Dfd	598 ↑	-26	...	6.4	18.5
131.30	P & O 5½%	197	+4	...	3.5	...
368.60	Powell Duffryn	559	+7	...	5.3	15.8
23.90	Seacon	35	-1	...	3.1	21.6
258.40	Stagecoach	210 ↑	+1	...	2.4	20.9
647.60	TNT	174	+9	...	...	...
310.70	Tibbet & Britten	708 ↑	+3	...	2.6	18.0
39.90	Tiphook	36	-1	...	...	...
305.70	TDG	257 ↑	+5	...	5.2	13.6
32.70	Upland	135	...	...	0.7	∞
54.20	Utd Carriers	101 ↑	...	...	2.0	...

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,555.60	Anglian	525	-19½	...	5.4	13.7
58.40	Mid Kent Hdgs	330	...	...	4.3	11.1
446.80	Northumbrian	652	-16	...	4.7	7.0
1,598.80	North West	533	-18	...	5.4	8.0
1,513.30	Severn Trent	580	-17	...	5.4	7.8
959.30	Southern	572	-1	...	5.0	8.7
100.60	South Staffs	1720	-102	...	3.8	11.5
663.50	South West	522	-½	...	6.6	7.8
2,006.80	Thames	506	-1½	...	5.6	8.7
922.80	Welsh	686	-8	...	5.8	7.8
736.60	Wessex	600	-3	...	4.9	8.0
1,048.20	Yorkshire	579	-3	...	5.8	7.5

Source: Finstat

♣ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; †† Ex scrip; ‡ Ex rights issue; ‡‡ Ex all; ‡‡‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,000	Treas 9% 1994	100⅛	-⅛	8.97	5.43
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	101¹⁹⁄₃₂	-⅛	11.78	5.75
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	98 xd	...	3.06	5.76
2,900	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	+⅛	9.97	6.66
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	105	-⅛	12.04	7.00
770	Treas 14% 1996	107	-⅛	12.97	7.36
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	111 ↑	-⅛	13.70	7.52
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	+⅛	12.24	7.65
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	103	+⅛	9.63	7.94
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	+⅛	11.97	7.65
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105	+⅛	9.99	8.10
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+⅛	8.64	8.27
830	Exch 15% 1997	117 ↑	+⅛	12.78	8.43
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+⅛	9.41	8.47
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	+⅛	7.51	8.45
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94 xd	+⅛	7.11	8.45
930	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	+⅛	12.06	8.70
935	Treas 15½% 1998	123	-⅛	12.59	8.54
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111	+⅛	10.79	8.69
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103	+⅛	9.22	8.64

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,000	Treas 6% 1999	90	+⅛	6.67	8.59
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	+⅛	10.86	8.75
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	106	+⅛	9.85	8.73
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+⅛	9.67	8.77
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	101	+⅛	8.86	8.70
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	118	+⅛	10.99	8.88
4,350	Treas 7% 2001	90 xd	+⅛	7.71	8.78
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	105	+⅛	9.50	8.90
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	104	+⅛	9.32	8.92
7,950	Treas 8% 2003	95	+⅛	8.41	8.82
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	106	+⅛	9.37	8.89
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	+⅛	10.29	9.07
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	+⅛	4.85	7.60
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	86	+⅛	7.77	8.72
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	104 xd	+⅛	9.10	8.84
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	104 xd	+⅛	9.07	8.81
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120	+⅛	10.37	9.12
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	94	+⅛	8.50	8.79
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	92	+⅛	8.34	8.72
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114	+⅛	10.24	9.16
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	98	+⅛	8.65	8.73
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127	+⅛	10.60	9.13
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	102 ↑	+⅛	8.79	8.70

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	94	+⅛	8.50	8.60
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	103	+⅛	8.74	8.66
5,151	Treas 9% 2012	103	+⅛	8.72	8.64
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¾	+⅛	7.45	8.39
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	+⅛	8.49	8.60
5,250	Treas 8% 2013	94	+⅛	8.47	8.60
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	129	+⅛	9.30	8.82
7,150	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+⅛	8.61	8.58

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	40	-⅛	8.64	...
475	Treas 2½%	28	-⅛	8.75	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	199	+⅛	2.99	4.26
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107 ↑	+⅛	2.92	3.70
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+⅛	3.43	3.83
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+⅛	3.53	3.86
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108 ↑	-⅛	3.55	3.85
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	-⅛	3.62	3.86
1,650	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	-⅛	3.67	3.87
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	-⅛	3.69	3.88
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-⅛	3.71	3.88
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-⅛	3.74	3.91
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131 ↑	-⅛	3.77	3.91
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-⅛	3.76	3.89
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	-⅛	3.80	3.93

Windwards expect EU banana deal

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE Windward Islands, the Caribbean island group whose banana-dependent economy was devastated by a tropical storm last month, expects the European Commission to grant it import licences today for replacement bananas from other sources until the Windward crop recovers.

John Compton, prime minister of St Lucia, one of the Windward islands, said the decision would come at a session of Brussels' banana policy committee, which last month failed to agree on a response to calls from Caribbean banana growers for urgent steps to maintain the Windwards' market share in Europe.

Geest, the fresh produce group whose share price was badly hit by the Windward storm damage, also lobbied hard to be allowed effectively to transfer the tariff-freedom enjoyed by bananas it ships from the Windwards to Europe to fruit from Latin America.

Although Mr Compton said he was encouraged by the prospect of replacement licences, and by last week's European Court of Justice decision against Germany's attempt to overturn EU restrictions on Latin American bananas, he said Caribbean banana growers remained embattled on several fronts.

"There is a mighty array against us," Mr Compton told *The Times*, listing a fresh legal challenge by Germany, plans by Latin American countries to challenge special treatment of Caribbean fruit before the World Trade Organisation, and a warning from America that Washington is considering using its "Section 301" sanctions against the Caribbeans, unless discrimination against Latin American bananas ends.

Mr Compton said EU licences for replacement bananas was essential to prevent other countries benefiting from the Windwards' misfortune. He put the islands' loss of income from tropical storm "Debbie" at some £15 million this year and up to £35 million next year, about 30 per cent of gross domestic product.

Some support for the Windwards will come from Stabex, the organisation set up by the EU to help stabilise the commodity export earnings of the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries covered by the Lomé convention.

A huge shortfall will remain, however, Mr Compton said. As part of a series of meetings to try to secure funds to restore the Windwards economy, and prepare it for life when Lomé ends in the year 2000, he held talks with Baroness Chalker, Britain's overseas development minister, in London on Friday.

Britain and France have been the Caribbean growers' prime backers in international trade deals. Other countries, however, had failed to see that bananas were a "vital interest" for the Windwards, Mr Compton said, accusing Germany and America of deliberately manipulating the banana issue for political purposes.

DAVID HOWELLS



Almost there: Pierre Dupont, marketing director at Division Group, the British virtual reality group, shows off the technolgy that his company is to provide to Gulfstream, the business jet manufacturer. It is desiged to demonstrate to potential customers the possible cabin configurations of its planes. The technology will be on display at the National Business Aircraft Association show in America, providing passenger's-eye views of the Gulfstream interior.

Eurovein plans listing

BY GEORGE SIVELL

EUROVEIN, the Sheffield specialist engineering group, is planning a listing on the London Stock Exchange soon through a placing sponsored by Albert E Sharp, the stockbroker.

Eurovein has operations in four European countries, sells in most parts of the world and has three divisions: Surface Treatment, Filtration and Components.

These divisions were brought together between 1987 and 1989 within Tyzack. After the acquisition of Tyzack by GSM, Bill Eastwood resigned as chairman and in August 1989 founded Eurovein. In May 1991, he bought GSM from the receivers. In the year to end-July, operating profit before goodwill written off was £2.6 million, up from £1.6 million on sales 23 per cent higher at £35.7 million.

Mr Eastwood says: "Despite continuing price pressures in certain markets, continuing cost reductions enabled the company to improve percentage margins both on equipment and in the after market."

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Belgium Fr	53.63	49.29
Canada $	2.248	2.068
Cyprus Cyp£	0.781	0.731
Denmark Kr	10.21	9.41
Finland Mkk	8.19	7.49
France Fr	8.88	8.18
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	390.00	365.00
Hong Kong $	12.92	11.92
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2575.00	2420.00
Japan Yen	174.00	157.00
Malta	0.820	0.585
Netherlds Gld	2.896	2.666
Norway Kr	11.26	10.46
Portugal Esc	261.00	242.50
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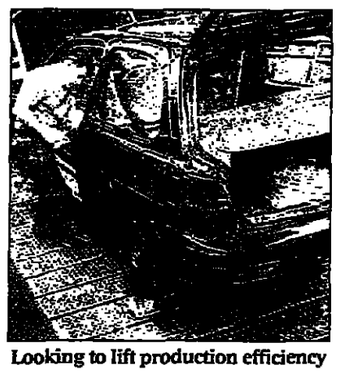
BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

WORKERS at Nissan's plant in the North East love work so much, they watch it for hours on television.

Jeremy Beadle, the star of television's *Are You Being Framed?* compilation series of home videos, might struggle to find the funny bits, but the men and women of Nissan find their own version of home videos compulsive viewing.

Nissan executives set workers the task of improving productivity, even though the factory is acknowledged as one of the most efficient in the world. With the suggestion boxes full to overflowing and managers scratching their heads, workers came up with the idea of watching themselves on the assembly lines.

Ian Gibson, managing director of Nissan Motor Manufacturing, said yesterday that the company hires video cameras for the assembly lines but workers have discovered the television sessions so useful, they bring in their own to watch themselves. "We take a bulk order of camcorders about twice a year but people are free to bring in their own. They have discovered it works very well for them to study the movements and processes they go through," he said. "They may only be looking for very small things, but they each add up to great improvements in efficiency."



Looking to lift production efficiency

Improvements may be as simple as deciding that workers walk too far to collect tools or use equipment badly. If they spot a problem, they can rewind the tape and watch it again until they come up with a solution.

Mr Gibson admitted the video scheme was among the most unusual in British industry but said that it was vital if the Washington factory was to keep its place at the head of the world motor industry efficiency league.

The management there discovered that the company's factories in Japan were expecting to improve productivity levels by 9 per cent a year. That hastened their decision to look for 10 per cent improvements in Washington.

Those targets are being achieved, with workers expected to make 220,000 cars this year but 300,000 annually as soon as markets in continental Europe recover from recession.

Mr Gibson added: "The trouble is that we can never stand still. Even though Washington has an outstanding record, other plants around the world are moving forward all the time and we must keep pace."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

KELLY
(c) The topsoil which is removed in order to get a clay for brick-making. US idiom, the equivalent term in England is *callow*, origin obscure. Hence the verb. "This vegetable soil is called in brickyard parlance, kelly, and the operation of removing it is termed 'taking off the kelly'."

KRENG
(b) The carcass of a whale from which the blubber has been removed, from the Dutch *kreng*, Middle Dutch *crenge* carrion, carcass. "After the blubber, whalebone, and jaw-bones are removed, the remaining part, called the kreng, is left to become the food of sharks and birds."

KREPLACH
(a) Triangular noodles filled with chopped meat or cheese and served with soup, from the Yiddish *kreplech*, plural of *krepel*, adapted from the German *krāppel* a fritter. "Though partial to gefilte fish,/They scorn the kreplach and the knish,/They list pastrami but evince/A total apathy to blintz."

CHAMPERTY
(b) The illegal proceeding, whereby a party not naturally concerned in a suit engages to help the plaintiff or defendant to prosecute it, on condition that, if it be brought to a successful issue, he is to receive a share of the property in dispute. From the Old Norman French *campart*, Latin *campi pars* part of the field.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Clinton Cards, Goldsmiths Group, Hamleys, Scottish TV. **Finals:** Inch Kenneth Kajang, Lucas Industries, Manganese Bronze, Royal Bank Of Canada, Scottish Asian Inv Co, Tay Homes. **Economic Statistics:** Credit business (Aug); Producer price index numbers (Sept).

TOMORROW

Interims: A & C Black, N Brown Group, Bulgin & Company, Gardener Merchant, Fine Decor, FR Group, NB Smaller Companies Trust. **Finals:** A Beckman, Bolton Group, F&C Pep Investment Trust, Lendu Holdings, William Sinclair, St Ives, Thorntons Throgmorton Dual Trust, Wescol Group. **Economic Statistics:** None scheduled.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: BNB Resources, Capital and Regional Properties, Fine Decor, Ipeco Holdings, Rea Holdings, Time Products. **Finals:** Lloyds Chemists. **Economic Statistics:** Retail prices index (Sept); Labour market statistics: unemployment and unfilled vacancies (Sept — prov); Average earnings indices (Aug — prov); Employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; Industrial disputes labour force survey — key results (June); Index of production and construction for Wales (Q2).

THURSDAY

Interims: Abbeycrest, Alexandra Workwear, Body Shop Intl, Bridgend Group, David Brown Group, Delyn Group, Tudor, United Energy. **Finals:** John Maunders Group. **Economic Statistics:** New earnings survey 1994 (part b); Analyses by agreement machine tools (Aug); Capital issues and redemptions (Sept).

FRIDAY

Interims: Aberdeen Steak Houses, Aberforth Split Level, Brooks Service Group, Eldos, Tie Rack, Value & Income Trust. **Finals:** None scheduled. **Economic Statistics:** Usable steel production (Sep); Overseas transactions of UK consultancy firms (1993).

SUNDAY TIPS

Sunday Times: Sell: **Pentos**. Buy: **Development Securities, Carlton**. *Sunday Telegraph:* Buy: **Goldsmiths, Helene, T J Hughes**. *Observer:* Buy: **Sketchley**. Sell: **Nurdin & Peacock**. *Independent on Sunday:* Buy: **Ricardo, Cable & Wireless, Tomkins**. *Mail on Sunday:* Buy: **Donelon Tyson**. Sell: **Schroders**. Hold: Austin Reed.

COMPANIES — LIZ DOLLAR



Natural growth likely at Body Shop

BODY SHOP: Questions recently over the green credentials of Anita Roddick, Body Shop's chief executive, and her husband Gordon, who is chairman, dealt a blow to the shares, already mauled by worries about competition from copycat retailers.

The fears look overdone, say Body Shop watchers. Mr Roddick reported a good start to the year at the annual results announcement in June, with strong growth in all major markets. Later, in the wake of a highly critical article in *Business Ethics*, an American magazine, British environmentalists fell over themselves to defend the Roddicks' good name.

Economies of scale from increased output at the Littlehampton and Glasgow factories have boosted margins. Costs involved with beefing up the management at both the US and UK head offices may offset any benefits from lower franchising expenses in the first six months to August 31.

Half-time profits, due out today, are expected to have risen 20-25 per cent to between £12 million and £12.5 million, boosting earnings per share from 3.4p to between 4.2p and 4.4p.

St Ives, Britain's largest independent printer, reports tomorrow. The market expects a rise in full-year pre-tax profits to about £25 million (£22.1 million). Analysts expect a recovery in the magazine and book printing business, but are concerned that large customers may seek lower printing prices to counter higher prices for paper.

LUCAS INDUSTRIES: The City will be listening carefully to the tone of George Simpson, new chief executive, today when he makes his first results statement. He unveils annual figures for Lucas Industries for the year to July 31, which should have been helped by the growth in European car sales between April and July. Forecasts range between £60 million and £80 million, compared with £42.6 million, before an expected exceptional charge of about £50 million for litigation and damages settlements in the US aerospace divisions. Analysts are hoping that Mr Simpson will not bring news of a major deck-clearing exercise, and that he will be able to show that profits are responding to higher volumes. A commitment to achieving 10 per cent margins has already been well-flagged.

The dividend is likely to be maintained at 7p, although some fear that the size of the provision, plus the lack of cover, may mean a cut. Earnings per share are forecast to have risen to between 5.3p and 6.7p, from 2.4p.

SCOTTISH TELEVISION: A slump in advertising revenue is likely to be one of the main subjects under discussion when Scottish Television's interim results are announced today, Monday. Profits in the six months to June are forecast to have risen from £3.1 million to a little over £4 million, but a higher tax charge will have reduced earnings per share. Gus Macdonald, managing director, is also expected to shed further light on his company's relationship with Mirror Group Newspapers which last month bought a 14.9 per cent holding in STV in a dawn raid. The two companies are reported to have discussed joint programme-making ventures ahead of the acquisition.

LLOYDS CHEMISTS: Peter Ward, new finance director and formerly of Bulmers, is likely to be the main focus of attention at Wednesday's annual results announcement by Lloyds, Britain's second largest chain of chemists' shops. A trading statement released in May revealed that total sales were up 15 per cent. The fast-expanding drugstores chain has been dogged by negative like-for-like growth. But the chemists shops have performed well, and Holland & Barrett, the health food chain bought from Booker a few years ago, has responded positively to a refurbishment and expansion programme instigated by its new parent. Profits to June are forecast to have risen from £49.6 million to about £56 million.



Anita Roddick was stoutly defended after a US magazine pursued her over her green credentials

TIE RACK: Interim figures from Tie Rack, due on Friday, are unlikely to set the world alight, but a much better performance is predicted for the current half, which contains the all-important Christmas season. The hot weather in July and August, and the first of the recent series of train strikes will have done nothing to help sales in the UK in the six months to mid-August, although the company points out that only 6 per cent of sales now come from British Rail sites. France and Australia also struggled. Any increase in sales, therefore, is likely to have come from new outlets. Tie Rack is on target to open 30 stores by the year end, having opened ten in the first half.

Margins have held up satisfactorily, and a 10 per cent profits improvement to about £1 million is expected for the six months.

FR GROUP: The recession in the civil and military aerospace markets, coupled with problems at subsidiaries Markhorst and Stanley Aviation, did nothing to ease conditions at FR Group last year. But, although there is still no sign of an upturn in the aerospace industry, FR has had a better time in the first six months to June. Margins are expected to recover from 10.9 per cent to 11.5 per cent, and a spate of acquisitions in recent months should give a further boost to year-end profits. The group is likely to announce interim profits of between £11 million and £12 million, compared with £10.4 million, when it unveils figures tomorrow.

Prices under scrutiny

THE Conservatives gather for their party conference this week amid mounting evidence that the economic recovery is beginning to lose steam as the impact of tax increases and higher interest rates bites.

Treasury officials went to some lengths to explain away last week's news of a surprising drop in manufacturing output, citing special factors such as the explosion in July at the Milford Haven oil refinery. But even stripping out this one-off event, manufacturing declined 0.1 per cent, and engineering, by far the most important component of the sector, fell 0.3 per cent.

It is, of course, far too early to tell whether August's performance will be repeated in coming months but there was a glimmer of suspicion that industry may have started to react to a now obvious decline in consumer demand. Car sales have been slowing for months and were noticeably less buoyant in September, and The National Association of Estate Agents said on Friday that the housing market had been "knocked sideways" by last month's rise in interest rates.

The Government will have to wait until next week for evidence on economic activity, with retail sales for September to be reported on October 19. This week's statistics will offer the latest snapshot of what is happening to prices, costs and wages.

The Central Statistical Office today reports on producer output and input prices for last month. This is of particular interest, given the authorities' concern about recent rises in commodity prices and evidence from Confederation of British Industry surveys that manufacturers expect to be able to raise their prices. Despite rising costs for raw materials this year, companies have found it difficult to pass these on in the form of higher prices to their customers. Today's figures will reveal whether this continues to be the case.

On Wednesday, September retail prices figures are published amid expectations that new supermarket discounts may depress underlying inflation once again. Also on Wednesday, the Department of Employment publishes average earnings and unit wage costs statistics for last month. Average earnings growth is expected to stay the same at 3.75 per cent and manufacturing earnings growth is predicted to fall.

Conservative ministers will also be watching on Wednesday for September's unemployment figures. The City is expecting the headline total to fall again but not by as much as August's sharp drop of 34,000.

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Peace bond for Ireland could raise billions

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

AS SOON as the Irish peace process is "irrevocable", a proposed peace bond would pour billions of US investment dollars into Ireland, the powerful comptroller of New York City said.

Alan Hevesi, who acts as investment adviser for the $51 billion New York City employees' pension schemes, promised to act as a financial ambassador for a post-conflict Ireland within a council of institutional investors that holds more than $4,000 billion in capital.

Based on the Israel Bond, which was invented 40 years ago and continues to raise around $1 billion a year for Israel, the "Ireland Peace Bond" will target individual Irish-Americans — there are 40 million of them — who want a secure investment and to participate in some way in the current peace process, Mr Hevesi said.

He suggested that the best way to operate the bonds, after agreement by the British and Irish Governments, was to create a regional bank to distribute debt instruments, collect the proceeds and disburse the capital.

The bonds, guaranteed by either the British or the Irish Government, would also be marketed to pension fund investment managers.

"We're members of a council of institutional investors — teamsters' unions and pension funds and other large organisations — that have over $4 trillion in assets. And we would go to them, solely for the Ireland Bond investment, with guarantees," he said.

The bonds, which he said will contain a fair employment provision, are also to be offered to the 16 state governments and more than 40 cities in the US that have adopted the MacBride Principles as law. The MacBride Principles, drawn up by Dr Sean MacBride, Amnesty International founder, are a set of rules designed to combat religious discrimination by private companies operating in Northern Ireland.

Mr Hevesi said he would use the existing MacBride structure to promote the investment. British and Irish politicians have already discussed the idea of the bond with the comptroller's team of economists.

"We talked to Albert Reynolds — he started negotiating already! We talked to John Hume, we talked to Tim Smith, the minister for the economy in Northern Ireland. We talked to Gerry Adams. Everybody loves the notion," he said.

Mr Hevesi said he was aware that the economy of North Ireland was war-based with massive public sector employment, and that the South's labour market was hardly fully-functioning, but insisted that the country as a whole was still a good investment bet.

"In the short run you could make a powerful case that this is a threatened economy — a weak economy — that lacks viability. You look at the long-run, that's not the case," he said.

In fact, he added, Ireland could be a highly-attractive place to invest. "First, there is the connection with Europe, where a lot of barriers are removed to economic intercourse. Secondly, you have an educated population, they speak English, there are sufficient technical skills, and those, additionally, can be developed.

"I believe all that's needed to get real interest in economic development in Ireland — the Republic and the North — is peace. It's peace. There are markets there, there are people with talent and skills, and people who are desperate for work."

But in a word of warning, he suggested that political leaders had a responsibility to drive the peace process forward. "The bottom line is: None of this is going to happen until this peace process is under way and irrevocable. And that's going to take time. It doesn't just mean sitting at the table talking. The analogy we draw here is that Israel met the PLO in Spain four years ago — that process was not irrevocable until about six months ago.

"Because things happen on the ground. When that happens, and people have a sense that they can open up a business in Belfast and their trucks aren't going to get blown to bits as a political gesture, then this can grow"

Maastricht rules brought to bear

FROM REUTER IN LUXEMBOURG

EUROPEAN Union finance ministers will punish each other today for trailing in the race to get their country's public finances in order.

Only Bertie Ahern, the Irish finance minister, and his counterpart from Luxembourg can claim that their countries have met the deficit and debt conditions laid down in the Maastricht treaty for creation of a single EU currency by the end of the century. Today the ten "offenders" will agree recommendations from the EC on what each should do to ensure their public deficits are below or approaching 3 per cent of gross domestic product and their debts are below 60 per cent or approaching it at a satisfactory pace by 1997.

The Maastricht treaty was drawn up in 1991 as what turned out to be the longest and deepest recession since 1945 was only just dawning in Europe. One of the Maastricht sanctions is that the recommendations for action can be made public to shame any recalcitrant country to greater efforts. But a number of finance ministers have already said they will publish them.

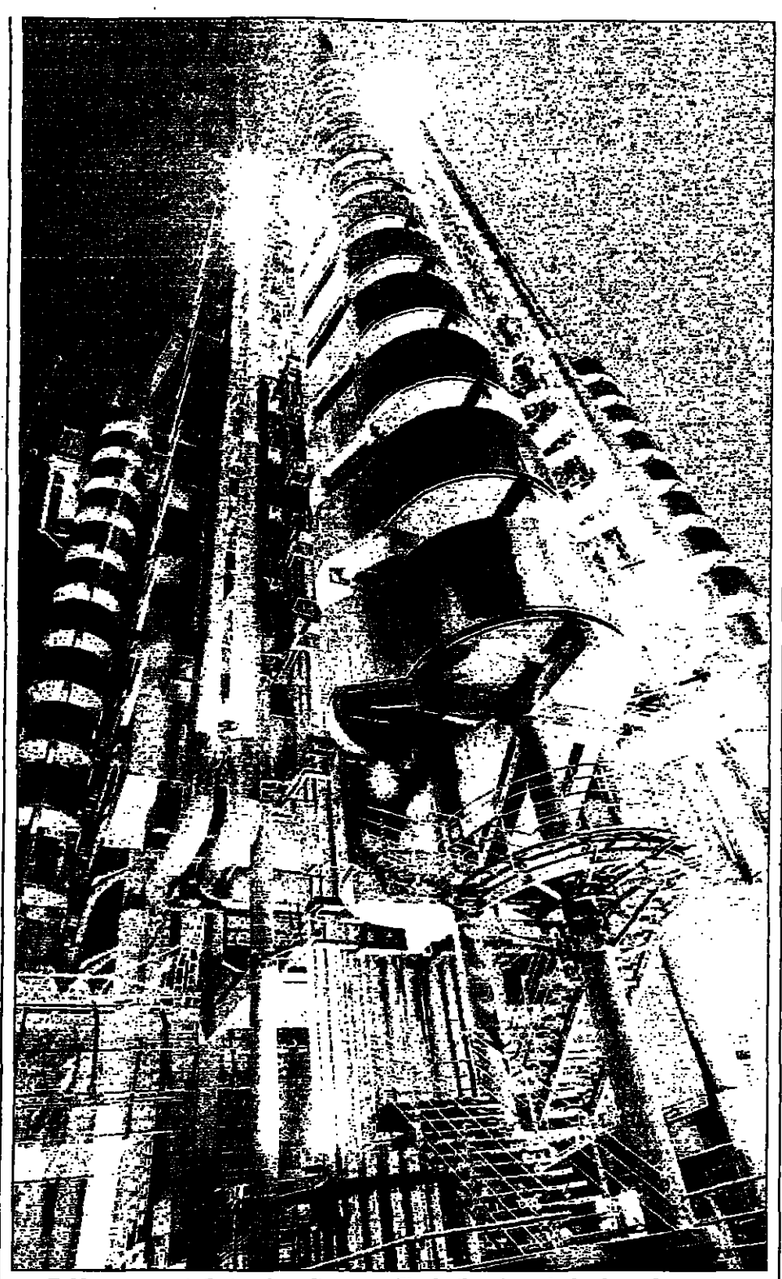
Indeed, some want to use them as a way of helping push tough budgets through their parliaments. Others see them as a means of persuading speculators to look elsewhere for a victim.

Of the ten, only France has publicly grumbled about the recommendations on the grounds that its government had just four days to study them before today's meeting.

The finance ministers will also agree an updated Spanish convergence programme designed to prepare the country for joining a single EU currency either on January 1, 1997 or by 1999.



Ahern: conditions met



Evidence suggests that underwriters are still selective about the business they write

Big rises in Lloyd's premiums may be ending, says survey

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE significant increases in premium rates charged by the Lloyd's insurance market over the past two and a half years may have ended, according to the latest quarterly trends survey carried out by Lloyd's among market underwriters.

In the survey, due to be published today, Lloyd's says: "Premium rates in the Lloyd's market have broadly stabilised following the significant increases of the past two and a half years. Classes of business where rates are still increasing are numerically greater than those showing reductions, although this does not reflect the volumes of business transacted." Expectations for the next three months are for downward pressure in some sectors. Direct marine and aviation rates are still increasing but property rates in Britain are either stable or softening. Non-marine reinsurance remains under pressure.

However, the Lloyd's planning department, which compiles the survey, says: "There appear not to be any factors that would lead to a severe downturn in the insurance cycle."

The evidence is that underwriters are still being selective about the business they write and that the proportion of underwriters reporting a reduction in expense ratios is greater than those reporting an increase. Lloyd's says there has been a "further easing in the downward movement in expenses, although the proportion of underwriters indicating a reduction continues to be greater than those reporting an increase. This trend is expected to reverse slightly over the next quarter as downward pressures once again begin to build".

More foreign trucks in UK market

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FOREIGN lorry-builders increased their share of Britain's truck market by more than 10 per cent in the first nine months of the year, taking imports to 58.4 per cent of the market.

Sales of trucks built in Britain slumped to just 13,315, despite a 16.6 per cent rise in the market to 32,033 lorries.

Mercedes Benz and MAN, of Germany, and Renault, of France, all achieved sales increases well ahead of the rise in the market. Britain's market leaders, Iveco and Iveco Ford, both controlled by Fiat of Italy, lagged the rise in the market, with increases of around 6 per cent.

Sales by Leyland DAF, now an alliance of British, Dutch and Belgian lorry-builders, rose only 8.9 per cent, year on year. Its tally of 5,727 sales left it in third place after the Fiat companies, and only a whisker ahead of Mercedes.

Volvo, which builds part of its range in Britain, ranked fifth in sales terms. The biggest improvement by an all-British manufacturer was achieved by ERF, the heavy truck builder, which lifted sales 22.6 per cent to 1,720.

The trend, culled from figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, shows continental manufacturers have made the most of the recovery in the British truck market at a time when sales in most European markets have remained depressed.

The SMMT figures do not show whether British manufacturers have also been doing better overseas, although anecdotal evidence suggests their success abroad has been limited.

In van sales, however, British producers have been more successful at maintaining market share. United Kingdom plants accounted for 46,866 of the 77,161 registrations of Transit-sized vans during the first nine months, a proportion unchanged at 60.7 per cent despite a 13.3 per cent rise in the market. Here too, Mercedes Benz achieved a striking sales increase. Ford remained way out in front.

Sales of light vans rose 22 per cent, to 54,846, suggesting that small businesses are starting to benefit from the economic recovery. Registrations secured by British manufacturers slipped from 63.4 per cent to 60.2 per cent, however.

NAPF gives warning on fund levy

BY ROBERT MILLER

GOVERNMENT proposals for funding new pensions regulations will discourage employers from setting up occupational schemes, according to the National Association of Pension Funds.

The NAPF, whose members run pension schemes covering seven million employees, paying pensions to more than four million current pensioners and investing some £300 billion worth of funds, has written to the Department of Social Security in response to a consultation paper on the structure of the levies.

The NAPF highlighted the dangers in the DSS proposals that employers should pay for setting up and maintenance of the new regulator. It said the Government should bear the cost. Ron Amy, chairman of the NAPF, said: "It should not be borne by employers who choose to provide pensions for their employees."

Kemira set to rise as float nears

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

KEMIRA, the Finnish chemicals group that leads the British fertiliser market, is today expected to report a 15 per cent rise in operating profits in the first eight months to coincide with the pathfinder prospectus for its privatisation issue.

The offer price, also to be announced today, for retail investors in Finland, is expected to be 40 Finnish markka (531p). Pricing for international investors follows next Monday.

The issue will reduce the Finnish state's ownership from 99.9 per cent to around 71 per cent and is expected to raise $200 million to reduce debt.

Heimo Karimo, Kemira's chairman, foresees full privatisation within five years. The company is being listed on the Helsinki stock exchange and a listing on London's SEAQ is expected soon after.



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Bearish attitude is set to rule in long term

Market sentiment in the world's bond markets remains fragile, with little respite from the general downtrend in prices that has been in place since the start of this year. Fears of higher inflation, greater competition for capital and tighter monetary policies, plus budget deficit worries, are all cited as the main problems. Gilts have so far performed much worse than other key markets, but is this justified?

Positive factors for gilts, and perhaps underpinning a period of relative outperformance, include recent evidence of institutional buying interest on switches out of equities, relatively low inflation and a falling PSBR. Balance of payment pressures also are turning out to be much more benign than expected. Indeed, a trade surplus is perfectly possible in 1995.

All this is reflected in positive sentiment towards the pound right now, though international investors still see sterling as a "soft" currency.

As far as interest rates are concerned, while gilts normally find it difficult to do well during periods of monetary tightening, a lot is already being discounted. In fact, the futures market is expecting base rates to be at 8 per cent by the middle of next year.

Such a prediction would be justified given previous interest rate history. Over the past 25 years or so, base rates have moved up six percentage points on average from trough to peak over a 16-month period. If history were to be repeated, this implies base rates going up to 11.25 per cent by January 1996. Note that the average move up in the benchmark gilt yield is 420bp, implying a predicted average yield of 10.5 per cent peaking by November 1996.

However, in the current interest rate cycle, the trade-off between inflation and output appears to be much more favourable. While the best of the reduction in Britain's inflation rate appears over, the worst-case inflation forecast in the City at the moment is 5 per cent next year.

With higher taxes in the pipeline for next April, there seems little need for an aggressive move on interest rates.

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By the end of next year, base rates may be no more than 7.5 per cent, thus interest rate expectations in the futures market are likely to be trimmed back. Of course, the international interest rate situation is turning. The Federal Reserve is set to increase American interest rates soon, moving from what has been termed a "neutral" policy to a "mildly restrictive" policy.

Since the last US interest rate hike in mid-August, there has been a variety of cost and price indicators, together with upward revisions to GDP, suggesting that inflation, now 2.9 per cent, is moving much closer to the Federal Reserve's 3.5 per cent outer limit.

In Europe, with recovery now better established, the market expects higher rates in Germany and elsewhere in the next 12 months. Britain is already benefiting from the impact of recovery on government borrowing, which will probably undershoot the £36 billion Treasury target by some £3 billion.

As yet, there is no indication that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is persuaded to use such room for manoeuvre to cut taxes or reverse next April's increases. Neither should he at this stage of the economic recovery. Indeed, the market will likely respond positively to what might be called a "neutral" budget, especially if the Chancellor announces a further containment of public spending.

For professional investors, the normalisation of the yield curve in the gilt market can make the ten-year area an outperformer in the current bear market. However, for bond markets generally to recover, greater clarification is needed on the level and peak of international interest rates.

Equity market weakness (it is October) might also persuade asset allocators at the big institutions to rebalance equity holdings in favour of bonds. Nevertheless, the fact of the matter remains that while there might be short-term opportunities favouring the gilt market, bear psychology seems firmly entrenched over the long haul.

NEIL MACKINNON
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LEGAL NOTICES

CORPORATION OF THE SONS OF THE CLERGY
The Annual General Court of Governors of the Corporation will be held at Lambeth Palace on Thursday 10th November 1994 at 12 noon, for the election of Governors and for filling vacancies on the Court of Assistants under the Charter of King Charles II. Governors planning to attend should please contact the Registrar for full particulars.
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London SW1P 3HB
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GREAVES CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company have been summoned by the liquidator under Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up to date. The meetings will be held as follows: Date: 4 November 1994. Time: 12.30 pm and 12.45 pm respectively. Place: Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS.
Dated: 5 October 1994
C MORRIS
LIQUIDATOR

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WATCHCODE LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 21st October 1994 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 99 et Seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 5655, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. Dated this 5th October 1994
WILLIAM MAO WAH MAN.
Director

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Dated: 5 October 1994
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Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
Stateside Comics plc
Registered number: 2476811
Nature of business: Comic Sales
Trade classification: 18
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 September 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc
Raymond Hocking and Sara Elizabeth Dayman Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos: 2322/01 and 6695/01)
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA

GREAVES INVESTMENTS LIMITED
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Meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company have been summoned by the liquidator under Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and of the conduct of the winding up to date. The meetings will be held as follows: Date: 4 November 1994. Time: 10.30 am and 10.45 am respectively. Place: Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS.
Dated: 5 October 1994
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Meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company have been summoned by the liquidator under Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up to date. The meetings will be held as follows: Date: 4 November 1994. Time: 11.00 am and 11.15 am respectively. Place: Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS.
Dated: 5 October 1994
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Meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company have been summoned by the liquidator under Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up to date. The meetings will be held as follows: Date: 4 November 1994. Time: 12 noon and 12.15 pm respectively. Place: Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS.
Dated: 5 October 1994
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Peter Highions Holdings Limited
Registered Number: 288080
Nature of Business: Manufacture and installation of In-Store Concepts. Trade Classification: 4960.
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 5 October 1994. Name of person appointing Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Name of persons appointed: Paul M Davis and Derrick S. Woolf. Address: 7th Floor, Western House, 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon CR0 9XH. Office Holder No's 007/805 and 002/969. Joint Administrative Receivers.

The Legacy Mission
80 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 0QH
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEGACY MISSION (INTERNATIONAL)
will be held at King's Park Conference Centre, King's Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton NN3 1LL on Thursday 10 November 1994 at 2.15 pm to receive the Annual Report and audited abstracts of accounts for the year ended 31 December 1993, to elect members of Council, and to transact any other business as circumstances permit.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF SEABRIGHT CHEMICALS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Seabright Chemicals Limited will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on the 27th day of October 1994 at 11.00 am. The Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors if so required.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the Receivers' report will be mailed to all known creditors and will also be provided free of charge to other creditors who request one from the Receivers at the above address. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated this 5th day of October 1994 RC Boys-Stones Joint Administrative Receiver.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
C.P. NAYLOR LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 20 October 1994 at 4 CHARTERHOUSE SQUARE, LONDON EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et Seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that STEVEN GEORGE TAYLOR MIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 30th day of September 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G.K. SEAGO. DIRECTOR

WALTER JACOBS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Albert Chambers, 221/223 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP on 20.10.94 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 & 101 of the said Act. A list of the names & addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co. address as above between 10am & 4pm on 19.10.94.
Dated: 3.10.94
A. S. MARGOLIS. DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF QUICK EUROPE LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 4 day of November 1994, to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned DAVID LLEWELLYN MORGAN of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Date: 6 October 1994
D L MORGAN Liquidator
Note: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

LONG CONTRACTORS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Albert Chambers, 221/223 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP on 19.10.94 at 11am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100, 101 of the said Act. A list of the names & Addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co. address as above between 10am & 4pm as from 16.10.94.
Dated:- 3.10.94.
J. M LONG (DIRECTOR)

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(IN LIQUIDATION)
Meetings of the members and creditors of the above named company have been summoned by the liquidator under Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948 for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up to date. The meetings will be held as follows: Date: 4 November 1994. Time: 10.00 am and 10.15 am respectively. Place: Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS.
Dated: 5 October 1994
C MORRIS
LIQUIDATOR
GREAVES PROPERTIES LTD
(IN LIQUIDATION)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NORD INTERNATIONAL MARKETING COMPANY
INCORPORATED LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR on Tuesday, 18th October 1994 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, that is:- 1. The Nomination of the Liquidator 2. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee.
Proxy Forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by Statements of Claim, at the Registered Office of Company, situated at Messrs Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, not later than 12.00 noon on Monday, 17th October 1994
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Simon Geoffrey Paterson MIPA of Messrs Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors free of charge with such information concerning the above Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 27th day of September 1994
By Order of the Board
K. T. FIELD
DIRECTOR

Thorn EMI Business Electronics Ltd
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, L A Manning of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 24 August 1994 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 26 October 1994 to send in full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned L A Manning of 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, the Liquidator, of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note. This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated, 4 October 1994 L A Manning Liquidator

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Lives of thrills and spills for our favourite brands

When I was a lad, shirts were washed in Tide. Chivers was, to us at least, the top name in jam, and Huntley & Palmers in biscuits. Our favoured fizzy drinks were Corona, and *Smiths dominated potato crisps.* Lyons was a top brand for anything from tea or ice cream to catering. Those who could afford a car would probably prefer an Austin or Morris to big-selling Ford. Young toffs aspired to an MG. In premium cigarettes, Senior Service battled with Players. Haig was reputedly the top selling Scotch whisky and Double Diamond led in beer.

What is the point of these self-indulgent trivia? Merely to counteract a list of eight brands that were tops in both 1933 and 1993, and are called in aid by Lord Sheppard, chairman of Grand Metropolitan. He is one of several leaders of top companies brought together within the covers of *Brand Power* by Paul Stobart of Interbrand. Their common refrain is that "brands are our most valuable assets".

Lord Sheppard's list includes Kellogg's on the breakfast table, Schweppes in the drinks market and Hoover for sweeping up the crumbs. It shows that brands can live for ever. But an alternative list, like my subjective one, shows that ain't necessarily so. Tide *is still a top* Procter & Gamble brand in America. But if some of these brands had been their owners' top assets, they would have depreciated heavily.

That is not an argument against putting brands at the centre of a company's strategy, nor against putting values on the balance sheet, one of the main theses of Lord Sheppard and Interbrand's John Murphy. If top managers had needed to value their brands each year and tell shareholders the difference, they might have looked after them a lot better. Once a brand has been allowed to lose its lustre, reviving it is no easy task.

Even Unilever and Nestlé have found that a grocery brand can slide down a slippery slope to oblivion unless it has leadership. Since the rise of top retailers' own corporate brands, Mr Stobart admits, "If you do not have a number one or number two brand, your products will be delisted." Nestlé has just axed Crosse & Blackwell ketchup and salad cream.

Accountant chief executives who think that buying brand name companies is the safe and sensible way to expand are in for a rude awakening. Kit-Kat and Mars bars may be highly differentiated products that go on for ever, provided they are given continuous advertising support. But the real test for brands comes when markets evolve,



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via taste, technology or manufacturing changes. And the real winners are those who develop new products that consumers want. The failure rate may be high but the returns from investing in Vax have doubtless been better in recent years than Hoover, and developing Bailey's Irish Cream added more value for Grand Metropolitan than buying the Burger King name. If you can use your brand to launch a new product, as Mars did with its ice cream bar, so much the better.

A car marque is really only as good as the latest model. Tobacco manufacturers chose "new" brands to back drives into tipped and low-tar cigarettes. This way, they kept faith with consumers of existing brands. But as consumers switched to the new products, the once-valuable names slipped away.

Coca-Cola is probably the world's leading brand after rival Marlboro overdid its cigarette pricing in America. Yet the Coca-Cola company nearly sacrificed its status when it changed its formula in the mid 1980s, supposedly to keep in tune with changing tastes. It needed bold action to recover. The war of words between Procter & Gamble and Unilever over the latter's new Persil Power detergent was about far more than a new formula. Unilever had adopted the strategy of using the strength of its existing brand to launch the new product. The Persil brand's valuable reputation was staked on it.

Many beer brands have been disastrously managed. Marketing was led by cost considerations. Products brewed by new cheaper processes were marketed at premium prices and brewers stopped using the best ingredients. Consumers rebelled and top brewers have had to license in foreign lager brands. In such cases, manufacturers devalued their own assets by breaking "the pact between brand owner and consumer".

If the value of a brand depends on that pact, how should it be measured? Not necessarily by the price premium, as Marlboro discovered, nor solely by market share. Bradley Gale, a marketing consultant, argues that the "pact" combines consistent qualities consumers want with value for money. Retailers' brands — Marks and Spencer and John Lewis before Sainsbury and Tesco — were built on offering quality at a lower price than branded goods. Any brand costs money to support. It has no value if marketing costs eat up the brand price premium. Most supposedly fine names are probably worthless.

Profit is the only measure. Interbrand's complex valuation methods are widely accepted in the trade but not for accounting. All a company's brands should be valued for its balance sheet, for including only acquired brands is misleading. But that will only be possible if management accounts are as sophisticated as a modern utility's so that brand profits can be separated from manufacturing. Most are hopelessly primitive, not least on overheads and exceptional costs, leading to many crazy decisions. Before captains of industry tell the world what their brands are worth, they will need much internal reform to find out for themselves.

Power Brands, edited "by" Paul Stobart, is published by Macmillan

RADIO CHOICE

Rocking to the new morality

The Big Holy One: Do the Right Thing? *Radio 1, 10.00pm.*

On the occasions when *Radio 1* departs from its brief as pop purveyor to the nation and tackles topics that are peripheral to the current chart toppers, the results can give the network a compelling *gravitas*. I expect that tonight's *inquiry into the moral* health of Britain will conform to that tradition. Radio 1's commitment to pop culture is represented by Paul Gambaccini's investigation of rock 'n' roll morality. The morality of the press will be dealt with by the editor of *News of the World*, Piers Morgan. *The Big Holy One* will include the results of a MORI poll on the religious beliefs of 18- to 35-year-olds.

The Music Machine: Supertunes. *Radio 3, 5.00pm.*

Supertunes? I didn't detect much in the way of melody in the first of Lord Onslow's attempts to make pop music less of *an anathema* to stick-in-the-muds like me who believe that percussion should not dinout the melodic line. His lordship's argument is that if he demystifies thrash metal, acid jazz, ambient house and jungle, he will have thrown a bridge over "the eternal musical gap between the young and the old". Eternal? Has he never heard of the Proms or Elvis? I think I now understand what *differentiates rap from hip-hop*, what is meant by "scratching", and what break beat means. Presumably, this indicates that Lord Onslow's bridge is taking shape. There are *another four programmes during this week*, which should complete the building process.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes. 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley 9.00 John Shuttleworth 10.00 The Big Holy One: Do the Right Thing? See Choice 12.00 Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Steve Jones: Accumulator Quiz 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Malcolm Laycock with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz 10.00 Vince Hill presents The Joint is Jumping 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including, at 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Actuality 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Fiúscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Glory Nights: Peter Slater relives the 1985 European Cup Winners' Cup final between Everton and Rapid Vienna. 8.05 West Ham United v Crystal Palace from Upton Park, plus at 8.50 football news 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.00-5.00 *Up All Night*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.30am BBC English 5.45 Frühmagazin 6.00 Newshour 7.00 Morgenmagazin 7.30 Europe Today 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* 8.30 Artistik: The Man and the Myth 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 Health 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Blues World 10.30 Learning World 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.01 Turkey Today 11.30 Vintage Chart Show 11.45 Mittagsmagazin Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm BBC English 12.45 Mittagsmagazin 1.00 News 1.10 Faith 1.15 Counterpoint 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* 3.45 Top Scores 4.00 News 4.15 Path to Power 4.45 Nikolina Gora 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 News 6.05 Business 6.15 BBC English 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 Kaleidoskop 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 World Today 9.30 Europe Today 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Business 11.15 Meridian 11.45 Sport Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am Hit List 1.00 News 1.15 Jolly Good Show 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Folk Routes 2.45 Health Matters 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Counterpoint 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 John Peel 5.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Paisiello (Mandolin Concerto in E flat) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 A to Z 8.00 Janaček (Sinfonietta); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor); Takemitsu (To The Edge Of Dream); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham 'Dene' 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyle

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 On Air. Offenbach (Overture: *La belle Hélène*); Bach (Brandenberg Concerto No 3 in G); Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 1 No 4); Saint-Saëns (Phaëton); Chopin (Etudes, Op 10 Nos 10-12); Mozart (Kyrie in D minor, K341) 9.00 *Composer of the Week*: Johannes Brahms. Schicksalslied, Op 54; Sextet in B flat, Op 18 10.00 Musical Encounters: Riots and revolutions. Strauss (Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche); Verdi (Attila, excerpts); John Harbison (The Most Often Used Chords); 11.20 *Artists of the Week*: Ann Murray and Philip Langridge sing French duets 12.00 How to Make a Musical: Don Black, lyricist of *Aspects of Love*, talks to Leslie Bricusse, Trevor Nunn and Michael Blakemore 1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square. Gyorgy Pauk, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, Peter Frankl, piano. Beethoven (Piano Trio in D, Op 70 No 1, Ghost); Mendelssohn (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 66) 2.00 Schools: Radio Q and A 2.05 Word Games 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama 3.00 New London Orchestra. Vaughan Williams (Five variants of Dives and Lazarus); Eric Wetherell (Suite: Bristol Quay); Holst (St Paul's Suite) (r) 3.45 Catalan Organ Music: Monserrat Torrent, organ, in St Maria's Church, Badalona: Pau Bruna (Tiento sobre la letania de la Virgen); Joan Cabanilles (Tiento de falsa de 1er tono; Corrente Italiana; Tiento XIV de Batalla partit de mà dreta); Soler (Sonata in D minor, Op 24); Antoni Meissana (Pastoral); Salvador Pueyo (Fuga Aequalis Motus); Manuel Valls (Toccatao) 4.30 The Guitar to Jazz: Music of Wes Montgomery 5.00 The Music Machine: Supertunes. See Choice 5.15 In Tune: Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 5 in B flat); Balakirev (Piano Concerto in E flat); Kalmah (Overture: Countess Maritza) 7.30 Reinventing the Orchestra: Hector Berlioz. Live from the Festival Hall, London BBC Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Chorus and the New London Children's Choir under Andrew Davis perform Berlioz (Overture: Les francs-juges); Katja Saariaho (Du Cristal) 8.20 Daniel Massey reads from Berlioz's Memoirs 8.40 Berlioz (Te Deum) 9.40 The Creation of New Ideals: German Romanticism. Sarah O'Brien-Twohig examines the legacy of Goethe and his contemporaries (1/10) 9.50 Schubert: Sonata in C; Impromptu in E flat; Sonata in A minor (Benjamin Frith, piano) (r) 10.45 Mixing It: with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell 11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Alessandro Stradella: London Baroque performs music by the 17th-century Italian composer

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 News 6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.50 Alan Bennett's Diaries: The playwright reads extracts from his 1980-1990 diaries (1/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg 10.00-10.30 News; The Mailing Game (FM only): Natural history quiz 10.00 Daily Service (LW only), from Rusthall Parish Church, Tunbridge Wells 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): John Milton's epic poem of the Fall of Man (26/41) 10.30 Woman's Hour: On World Mental Health Day, Jenni Murray asks why more women than men are admitted to psychiatric hospitals 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444 12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard 12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: Wales and the West, represented by Peter Stead and Jack Jones, take on the London team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Conservative Party Conference in Bournemouth, and James Cox in London 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; A Great Gulf Fixed, by Jonathan Myerson. With Richard Elfyn and Brian Hibbard (r)

3.00 Anderson Country, with Gerry Anderson 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott sees a new production of *Don Quixote* at the English National Opera 4.45 Short Story: Some Metal Buildings, by Geoff Nicholson. Read by Imelda Staunton 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took questions *Times* columnist Alan Coren, Richard Ingrams, John Wells and Kate Adie on the week's news (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r) 7.45 Monday Play: Fishing for Ghosts, by David Pownall. With Peter Vaughan as the Salmon Trout, Susan Fleetwood and Hugh Ross 9.15 Dear Teacher: Robert Swan acknowledges his mentor, Sir Geoffrey Gilbertson (r) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Owen Bennett Jones 10.45 Booker at Bedtime: *Knowledge of Angels*, by Jill Paton Walsh, is read by Natasha Pyne 11.00 The Salon: Rabbi Julia Neuberger elaborates on evil with Ruth Rendell, Michael Winner, John McVicar, the Bishop of Leicester and Roy Greenslade 11.45 The House of Lords 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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America sets up shop in UK

Susan Gilchrist examines why retailers from the US are invading Britain's high streets

The opening of four small stores selling cosmetics and toiletries may not sound like a major event in British retailing history, but it marks the arrival here of one of the US's leading retailers.

The debut of The Limited Inc's Bath & Body Works chain, already a huge success in the US, is just the tip of the iceberg. Other American retailing giants such as K Mart, Home Depot and Wal-Mart are also queuing up to enter the British market. It is something of an invasion and the message is loud and clear: the Americans are coming, so watch your profits.

But why are these companies so anxious to come here? After all the British *market is a fraction of the size* of its American counterpart and the growth prospects are unexciting to say the least.

Rod Whitehead, a retail analyst at Goldman Sachs, believes the most important reason is the limited growth opportunity at home: "Many of these retailers can see themselves reaching saturation in the US within the next few years and want to start building an international business capable of picking up the reins in terms of growth."

The company that has succeeded in managing this transition best, according to Mr Whitehead, is Toys 'R' Us, the out of town toy superstore operator. In 1987, the group had just 34 stores outside the US accounting for less than 7 per cent of sales. Today, it has almost 300 stores and its overseas business constitutes almost a quarter of total turnover of $8 billion. "Its US operation is only just starting to mature now, yet by starting its international development early, its profits have kept on steadily rising," Mr Whitehead says.

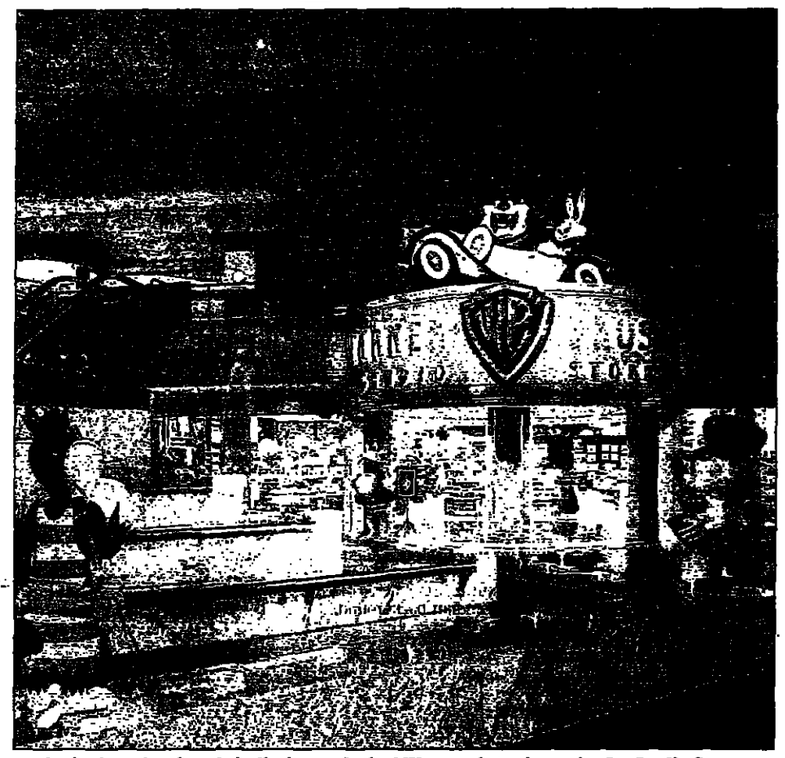
American retailers are also lured over here by gaps in the market. Price Costco brought the first warehouse club to this country last year, much to the chagrin of the supermarket chains. Costco's vast stores selling everything from computers to cornflakes at rock-bottom prices were unique in British retailing, yet the format has existed in the US for 20 years and constitutes a £23 billion market.

Industry observers may be sceptical of the widespread appeal of warehouse clubs here, but they are convinced that the format has already had a major impact. Richard Hyman of Verdict, the retail consultant, says: "The US has always been at the forefront of retailing. Indeed, supermarkets and the idea of self-service both came from there."

Similarly, Toys 'R' Us established the first genuine "category killer" format, which seeks to offer cheap prices and unrivalled product authority by trading from large sites that exploit economies of scale. "They were lucky in the sense that the toy sector was particularly fragmented," says Mr Hyman. "Nevertheless they still came in and blitzed every other contender." Despite the success of Toys 'R' Us, the category killer format is still relatively rare in Britain.

Mr Hyman believes British retailers, unlike their American counterparts, have historically been spoilt by demand exceeding supply. With the high street now suffering from over-capacity, they are suddenly finding the going tough.

This has opened an opportunity for US retailers, who have long been forced to operate in more competitive conditions. As Mr Hyman says: "Many British companies are finding it difficult to offer consumers better value for money *and* grow their profits at the same time, because they are not used to trading from formats which are able to deliver that. In contrast, American retailers have become adept at trading this way. That has created a gap and that is why overseas retailers are flocking to Britain."



Springboard: cultural similarity made the UK a good starting point for Studio Stores

Whereas many of the biggest US retailers have developed discount formats, discount retailing in Britain has historically been confined to smaller, independent operators. That means overseas companies can either come in and annihilate the competition by under-cutting them, or share in the bonanza of attractive margins, Mr Whitehead cites Bath & Body Works as an example. "They see The Body Shop and Boots charging premium prices for toiletries ... and think 'Why can't we have some of that?'"

This country is also attractive because it provides an ideal launchpad into Europe. Warner Brothers opened its first Studio Store in Britain last year as a springboard for its European expansion. It now has ten stores here and plans to have 25 in three years.

Peter Starrett, president of worldwide retail at Warner Bros, says language is obviously one factor, but there are also cultural similarities which make Britain a good starting-point. "Our research has shown that the UK consumer is closer to the US consumer than any other apart from Canada." Indeed consumer recognition of Warner Bros's "characters", including Bugs Bunny and Tweety, is almost as high here as in their home market.

Similarly, if Bath & Body Works succeeds in Britain, The Limited has already said it will expand the chain to the Continent and beyond. The group believes there is long-term potential for 2,000 stores worldwide. Britain is simply its first port of call.

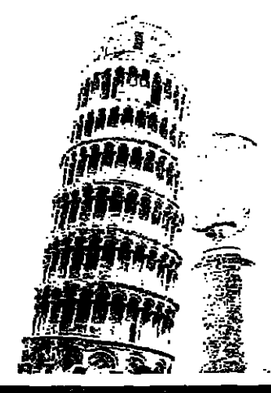
So should British retailers be worried? Mr Hyman says yes. "It is a threat not least because these imported retail formats are adding to supply, and overcapacity. Also they are often more innovative."

Mr Whitehead is more cautious. "Some retailers certainly should be worried, although it is difficult to generalise. Obviously some of these American companies will make a mess of it and will retreat after a few years with a bloody nose. Some will come for the wrong reason while others will come for the right reason but not get the execution right."

Nevertheless, many British retailers will have to brace themselves for this new invasion of transatlantic power. Those who choose to ignore it do so at their peril.

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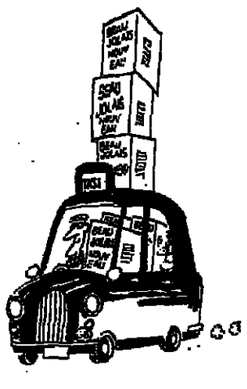
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Black cab to the Beaujolais

IF you can't find a black cab in London on November 15 and 16, and feel like kicking the pavement, it could be for the very charitable reason that several of London's 17,500 taxis are in France, taking corporate sponsors and their fellow travellers on this year's Beaujolais Challenge. The Fellowship of Hackney Carriage Drivers, marking 300 years of the Hackney carriage, is offering "for hire" a number of black cabs in support of Help the Aged. The Beaujolais Challenge, now in its 14th year, sponsored by Beaujolais Wines and staged by the British Automobile Racing Club, pits drivers' wits to find the shortest distance from the vine groves at Lacenas to Calais. The measured distance is 300 miles. The shortest recorded route is 289 miles. On the clock, that would set you back £870 — one way! But in support of Help the Aged, travellers are asked to pay £2,500 to "hire" their own cab for two. The cost includes the black cab, diesel, ferry crossings, overnight hotel accommodation, entry to the Beaujolais Nouveau release party, and champagne breakfast on return to Britain. Headache pills are extra.

Under the whip

ALL ANC members in the new South African Parliament have agreed to sign a strict code of conduct ... with a difference. They are setting up a register of business interests, and MPs will have to disclose all sources of income and assets to the party. The ANC Chief Whip, the Rev Arnold Stofile, says failure to sign the code could result in expulsion from the ANC. Apart from declaring their business interests and outside income, the MPs have to sign a pledge that they will not use their position "to gain sexual favours". The party is also going to write up "report cards" on its MPs for performance assessment.



Moving

ANALYSTS move desks, restaurateurs move tables and chairs. Sarah Heward is being made managing director of Corney & Barrow now that Christopher Brown is off to Group Chez Gérard as its managing director in November.

CITY PR firms are often accused of shrouding in professional fog key facts about their corporate clients. Brouillard, the New York PR arm of the J Walter Thompson group, could hardly have been more suitably named. Brouillard, in my French dictionary, translates into "fog".

COLIN CAMPBELL

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Taking on love, loss and Jerry in France

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Sean Bean had better watch out. In the Nobbut Our Kid School of Northern Heart-Throbs, Linus Roache is a hot contender for Top Nobbut, to judge by last night's double opening episode of Peter Ransley's **Seaforth** (BBC1).

In the run-up to transmission, this grand uncompromising title had confused me, I'll admit. Was Seaforth a man, a place, or an exhortation ("Westward ho")? But now the matter is resolved: Seaforth is an ugly town up North in wartime, with cinematic bomb sites, back-to-backs, factories and blackouts, and the series is the gripping love story of Bob (Roache) and Paula (Lia Williams) told in nine epic episodes. Tragic events, ruined lives — all well told, highly produced, beautifully directed, and subtly acted. It gives you a whole new attitude to the licence fee. Just think, we all helped to pay for *Seaforth* — and we didn't even know we were doing it.

Oddly, *Seaforth* is not based on a book — it is a story actually conceived for television. Bob and Paula are therefore new, first-hand entities: anything can happen to them. Knowing Lia Williams mainly from *Mr Wroe's Virgins*, in which she wept and recited the Lord's Prayer while Jonathan ("the prophet") Pryce gave her a dry loveless tupping (the result was a bloody miscarriage), I had hoped for a softer fate for her this time. But in *Seaforth*, it's worse. The virginal Paula was similarly pinned down without preamble (in an Anderson shelter, by Bob), but in the context of everything else going on, it was less of a big deal. In the first episode, Paula loved, lost, survived a bomb, aborted a baby with a knitting needle (more blood and towels), and married a man she didn't love. Meanwhile Bob stole, cheated, lied, ran like the clappers, loved, lost, and was nearly killed by his own sergeant during a highly dramatic skirmish with Jerry in France.

Bob is a believable creation, with a proper tragic flaw. Streetwise working-class, he is both scheming and reckless, a man who works hard for something and then chucks it away. Meanwhile Paula is wiry and strong, but alas, a magnet for tragedy. Lia Williams shows such heartache in her face that as the innocent girl she looked simply too old; now that Paula has been squeezed through the wringer, however, she's fine.

Channel 4's **For Love or Money** returned on Saturday, with presenter Nicholas Ward-Jackson demonstrating a useful lesson — that even well-bred people can get right in your face. While enthusiasm is the key to most specialist magazine programmes (on fishing, cars, cooking), *For Love or Money* is obliged to be especially gung-ho, since it's simply about the bare-faced acquisition of expensive gear. "I can honestly say that no Windsor chair bores me," said a professor of furniture, pointing out the loveliness of the chair's essential form. Ward-Jackson surveyed a few specimens, and got down to the nitty-gritty. These ones, he guessed, would be worth "three or four". (At least he didn't add "K".)

Sometimes, visiting a gallery or country house, you hear people joke "That's the one I want" — as though looking and shopping are activities that can no longer be distinguished. Perhaps they can't. But it was a pleasant relief in last night's watchable **The Car's the Star** (BBC2) that despite all sorts of other information about the Austin Allegro (1973-1982, RIP), nobody mentioned the market price. "Classic Car Awaiting Recognition" said the sticker in an enthusiast's window, but it was meant as a joke.

Even its devotees know the Allegro was an unreliable motor and a design disaster, aerodynamically better suited to reverse than forward motion. True, it had a heated rear window as standard — but only so that pushing it was more comfortable.

The Car's the Star iced the cake nicely by asking a psychologist to explain the Allegro's appeal to the young. He said it was to do with self-esteem. A person who buys an Allegro makes an implicit statement: "I don't care what you think about my car."

Last year, the party conferences gave Rory Bremner one of his best-ever sketches: as the beaming fool John Major, hammering home his double-edged rallying cry, "I'm still here." "They said it couldn't be done!" he said, gripping the lectern; "it wasn't. They said I wasn't up to the job. I'm not." On Saturday, **Rory Bremner — Who Else?** (Channel 4) featured Bremner's new Tony Blair, vocally sweet and almost whistling, eyes stretched wide as though mentally unhinged by a close encounter. Bremner had already done bits of the speech for *Today* on Friday morning (Radio 4), but it survived repetition — especially the disingenuous circularity ("Tea. For two. Of course, of course. But also two for tea".) The mistake of the Tories was that "they didn't do what they said they'd do. We won't make that mistake. We will do what they said they'd do!"

The other highlight was an interview with Bob Horton, by John Fortune and John Bird. "So in effect, in just over two years, you lost BP two and a half billion pounds?" "Well, I'm not very good at figures, but something of that order. I certainly made a difference, yes." Rory Bremner's show is virtually the last place on television for real satire, as opposed to that tiresome alternative, "irreverence". Meanwhile Alan Partridge's **Knowing Me, Knowing You** (BBC2), whose most recent show was a dull squibbish affair ("live from Paris"), seems eerily to be courting the description "Moribund — *The Times*". Next week I want to eat those words off a plate with a knife and fork, Alan.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (75107)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34645497)
9.05 Kids' Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk talks to young people who have had differing experiences of living in care (s) (9904039) **9.30 A Word in Your Ear.** Verbal communication game (s) (74768)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1347836) **10.05 Baby Crazy.** A documentary about parenthood as seen through the eyes of mothers of the 1940s and 1950s (1440749)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6802403) **11.05 Cagney and Lacey** (r). (Ceefax) (9680923) **11.50 Holiday Outings.** Sue Cook revisits Tenby (8182229)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1396300) **12.05pm Pebble Mill Encore** with Sir Anthony Hopkins, Patricia Routledge and James Galway (s) (3700213) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26377671)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (75590)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (89952316) **1.50 Turnabout** (s) (24468854)
2.20 Knots Landing. Drama spin-off from *Dallas* (s) (1062294) **3.05 Movie Magic.** The use of Computer Generated Imagery (9606381)
3.30 Cartoon Double Bill (4957039) **3.45 Monster Café.** Music and comedy series (s) (4945294) **4.00 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (6718403) **4.20 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (9573720) **4.35 Mighty Max** (s) (9936229)
5.00 Newsround (2992565) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (9165958)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (525126)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (395)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (497)
7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz introduced by Noel Edmonds (s) (1861)
7.30 Watchdog. (Ceefax) (s) (381)
8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (4381)
8.30 2point4 Children. Domestic comedy starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s) (6316)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1652)
9.30 Panorama. Peter Jay looks into job insecurity. (Ceefax) (286010)
10.10 Nice Day at the Office. The second of a six-part comedy series starring Timothy Spall, John Sessions and Anna Massey. (Ceefax) (s) (356565). **Wales:** Moldova 10.40 Nice Day at the Office 11.10 Film 94 11.40-1.40 Film: Yankee Doodle Dandy
10.40 Film 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and *War of the Buttons.* (Ceefax) (s) (358045)

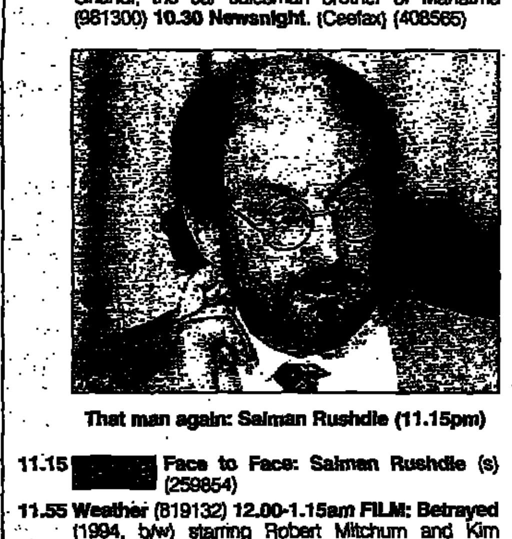


James Cagney and Joan Leslie (11.10pm)

11.10 FILM: Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942, b/w) starring James Cagney and Joan Leslie. Musical biopic of the singing and dancing star George M. Cohan. Directed by Michael Curtiz (861836)
1.10am Weather (1962140)
3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (21966) **3.30 Pathways to Care** (r) (74761904)

BBC2

7.15am The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (6192768) **7.20 Mr Benn** (r) (6024039) **7.35 Littl' Bits** (r) (7996565)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (3758584) **8.15 Breakout.** Damian Johnson tries an adventure holiday (9395381) **8.20 A Home of My Own** (9533590) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (3072590)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes, plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2947045)
2.00 Just So Stories. *How the Leopard Got His Spots* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (37404478) **2.10 Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9616590) **2.45 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (9466519)
3.00 News (Ceefax), followed by **Outrage at Valdez.** The repercussions of the Valdez oil spillage (7493590) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) (5697251)
4.00 FILM: Somewhere on Leave (1942) starring Frank Randle and Harry Korris. Drama about a group of army buddies who meet at a wealthy friend's house for a night of revelry (86213)
5.30 Italy Means Business. Two women who have made it to the top in the male-dominated fashion business reveal the secret of their success (s) (774)
6.00 Murphy Brown (Ceefax) (s) (867855)
6.25 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (959300)
6.50 The World at War. Laurence Olivier narrates this history of the Second World War. (Ceefax) (530855)
7.50 CHOICE **Mutter of Voices: Another Country — Rwandan Stories** (298381)
8.00 White Heat: War Machine. A history of war technology. (Ceefax) (s) (615671)
8.50 NEW **10 x 10: All At Sea.** The story of a superstitious woman who floats out to sea on her bed. (Ceefax) (s) (414652)
9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt (Ceefax) (s) (9294)
9.30 The X-Files. Tales of the supernatural in which two FBI agents try to solve the unsolvable. (Ceefax) (208395)
10.15 Harry Hill's Fruit Fancies (b/w). The story of Alan Ghandi, the car salesman brother of Mahatma (981300) **10.30 Newsnight.** (Ceefax) (408565)

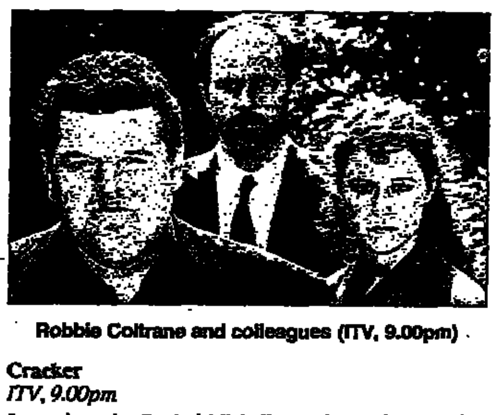


That man again: Salman Rushdie (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE **Face to Face: Salman Rushdie** (s) (259854)
11.55 Weather (819132) **12.00-1.15am FILM: Betrayed** (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4912053)
2.00-4.00 Night School: Geography (17459)
4.45-5.00 BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

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CHOICE



Robbie Coltrane and colleagues (ITV, 9.00pm)

Cracker
ITV, 9.00pm

Just when the Rachel Nickell case has raised doubts about psychological profiling, back comes Robbie Coltrane's burly shrink to help the police to solve their crimes. The first series of *Cracker* was much acclaimed and there is no disputing either the quality of Jimmy McGovern's writing or a narrative skill that sucks you into the story and never lets go. And yet there are reservations. One concerns the Coltrane character. A hero who drinks, gambles and maltreats his wife to this extent is becoming hard to take, despite the undeniable charm in between. The other question mark is over the material. Tonight's scenario, about a psychopath who murders a Pakistani shopkeeper, is unsavoury even by the usual standards of the show.

Face to Face
BBC2, 11.15pm

Much of Jeremy Isaacs's questioning of Salman Rushdie is inevitably about how far writers are justified in giving offence, with special reference to *The Satanic Verses.* If anything, and despite the Iranian death threat, Rushdie is less apologetic than ever. Indeed he mounts a sturdy defence of the writer's freedom to explore contentious areas and says the easiest way not to be offended by a book is to shut it. At the same time he does resent having spent five-and-a-half years under police protection and is surprised people are not more angry about it. Elsewhere, the interview ranges over Rushdie's Indian background, his experiences at an English public school and his new novel. His answers are articulate and thoughtful.

Another Country: Rwandan Stories
BBC2, 7.50pm

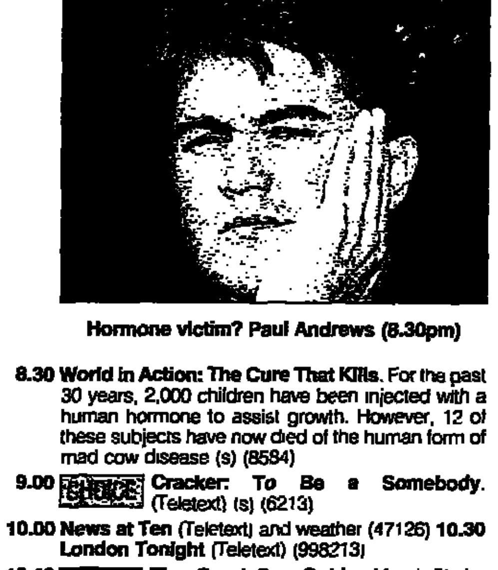
In a series of short films running through the week, novelists, poets and journalists offer a personal response to the Rwandan tragedy and try to make sense of it. Contributors include the Booker Prize winner Ben Okri, the foreign correspondent Mark Doyle, and the art historian and poet David Dabydeen. Michèle Roberts launches the project by echoing the reaction of many to the dreadful images which television brings into our living rooms. There is the unbelievable scale of the conflict and the failure of television to explain it. There is the feeling of guilt for not wanting to watch and of helplessness if you do. The easy thing is to shrug the tragedy off as a disease of the Third World that would never happen here.

The Nick
Channel 4, 9.00pm

WPC Angie Wood does her promotion chances no harm as the cameras relay another varied selection of cases from Gipton police station in Leeds. Patrolling one of the area's problem streets she spots a Ford Transit about to drive off with a wrecked car. Almost before you can say "false number plates", the sharp-eyed WPC Wood has checked the Transit out on her personal radio and made an arrest. Meanwhile, a young woman is taken to hospital bleeding from the neck and the drugs team mounts a dawn raid on a suspected cannabis dealer. Fly-on-the-wall films have not always shown the police in the best light, but the Gipton officers emerge from Paul Berriff's series as wholly dedicated and professional. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (13855)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Shopping quiz hosted by Dale Winton (9993923) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (2851294)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (1409958)
10.35 This Morning Family magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (99407294) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1392584)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8286107)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (8294126)
1.25 Home and Away. Australian family drama series. (Teletext) (81459497)
1.55 Capital Woman introduced by Anneka Rice (s) (72567823) **2.25 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (53522316) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (1838316)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6207045) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (6206316)
3.30 Rainbow (r) (4951855) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7497233) **3.50 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (1097297) **4.00 Sooty and Co** (s) (7754300) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (6711590) **4.50 How 2** Fun and facts series (9506652)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9086497)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (135652)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (591300)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (213)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (565)
7.00 The Russ Abbot Show (3229)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (749)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show hosted by Nicky Campbell and Carol Smillie (6749)



Hormone victim? Paul Andrews (8.30pm)

8.30 World in Action: The Cure That Kills. For the past 30 years, 2,000 children have been injected with a human hormone to assist growth. However, 12 of these subjects have now died of the human form of mad cow disease (s) (8584)
9.00 CHOICE **Cracker: To Be a Somebody.** (Teletext) (s) (6213)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (47126) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) (998213)
10.40 NEW **The Good Sex Guide.** Margi Clarke returns with a second series of the show which takes the mystique out of sex. (Teletext) (s) (270213)
11.10 The Equalizer (r) (183687)
12.10am The Little Picture Show (5943169)
1.10 Endsleigh League Football Extra (9847546)
1.55 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (8203324)
2.55 Sport AM (9412459)
3.55 Beyond Reality (74768459)
4.20 Profile of Swing Out Sister (s) (25806817)
4.30 Videofashion (40091)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (42530)
5.30 ITN Morning News (95904) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Chicken Minute. Cartoon adventures (r) (42720)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (92213)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (20403)
9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! **9.46** Talk, Write and Read **10.02** Stage Two Science **10.20** The Maths Programme **10.40** The English Programme **11.05** Encylopaedia Galactica **11.15** Picture This! **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat **11.45** Junior Technolgy (204923)
12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (44039)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guest is Robin Williams (80590)
1.30 Hullabaloo with Floella Benjamin (s). Followed by **Fourways Farm** (s) (60565)
2.00 FILM: Orchestra Wives (1942, b/w) starring George Montgomery, Ann Rutherford and Glenn Miller and his Orchestra. A musical about a trumpet player's wife who meets hostility from the other orchestra wives while on a cross-country tour. Directed by Archie Mayo (290132)
3.45 Second Chance: Sea. Animation from the United States (4034132)
4.00 Simply the Best. The second in a series of six programmes in which Kit Chapman searches for the best of British food, this week focusing on the cheeses of Somerset (478)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (590)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Music and topical chat from Dublin, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (3382)



Cool teacher Mark Curry and friends (6.00pm)

6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series starring Mark Curry. (Teletext) (s) (855)
6.30 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (107)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (723869)
7.50 Belfast Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (290749)
8.00 Scrimpers. The second in a series of six in which Ray Brooks and Rick Ball tour Britain meeting the people who have saved money by ingenious means. (Teletext) (9949)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a barbershop in Peckham, south London. (Teletext) (s) (6126)
9.00 CHOICE **The Nick** (Teletext) (s) (4855)
10.00 I'll Fly Away Drama series set in the American Deep South at the time of the civil rights movement. Starring Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (808381)
10.55 The American Football Big Match. Featuring Denver Broncos v Seattle Seahawks, Kansas City Chiefs v San Diego Chargers and New York Jets v the Indianapolis Colts (s) (5959039)
12.15am Transworld Sport (r) (793904)
1.15 Halfway to Paradise. Entertainment from Scotland. Among the guests are the Black Velvet Band, Love and Money and Sam Dees (799188)
2.15 FILM: Lady By Choice (1934, b/w) starring Carole Lombard and May Robson. Comedy about a fan dancer who reforms when she takes a bag lady under her wing for a publicity stunt. Directed by David Burton (3344701). Ends at **3.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89877671) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (53441497) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1838316) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6208316) **5.10-5.40** Disney's The Lion King Film Premiere (9086497) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (366687) **11.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (183687) **12.10am** Magnum (5863548) **1.05** Endsleigh League Football Extra (9840633) **1.50** Sport AM (8213701) **2.45** Hot Wheels (7441701) **3.10** The Beat (7553966) **4.05** Jobfinder (6505188) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (42530)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89877671) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (53441497) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1838316) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9086497) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (366687) **11.10-12.10pm** The Monday Night Fight (183687) **3.55am** Jobfinder (7016701) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9651411)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home and Away (8294126) **1.25** Look and Cook (81459497) **1.55** Murder, She Wrote (6031774) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1838316) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9086497) **6.25** Granada Tonight (366687) **7.00-7.30** The Russ Abbot Show (3229) **10.40** Iron Eagle II (27099584) **12.35am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (9309072) **1.05** Endsleigh League Football Extra (9840633) **1.50** Sport AM (8213701) **2.45** Hot Wheels (7441701) **3.10** The Beat (7553966) **4.05** Jobfinder (6505188) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (42530)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55pm-3.20 Life With the Lyons (8639687) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (9086497) **5.55** Home and Away (514010) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (366687) **10.40** First Cut (978229) **11.40** West By Wedlock (679316) **12.10am** Love and War (8865512) **12.40** Coach (1380140) **1.05** Endsleigh League Football Extra (9840633) **1.50** Sport AM (8213701) **2.45** Hot Wheels (7441701) **3.10** The Beat (7553966) **4.05** Jobfinder (6505188) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (42530)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 3.25pm-3.30 HTV News (6208316) **5.10-5.40** The Gen (9086497) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (366687) **10.30** HTV News (998213) **10.40** Wynford — A Miscellany (978229) **11.40-12.10pm** Leekes Celtic Challenge (679316)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2851294) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1392584) **1.55** A Country Practice (89877671) **2.20** Up Front (53441497) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1838316) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6208316) **5.10** Home and Away (9086497) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — The Listings (588836) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (213) **6.30-7.00** Spirit of the South: True...But Strange (565) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (998213) **11.10-12.10pm** The Spirit of Cuba (183687) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (42530)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (1474132) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1473403) **1.55** Gardening Time (72567823) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (53440768) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6208316) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9086497) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (71671) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (998213) **11.10** Love and War (348294) **11.40** Phoenix (376923) **12.35am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (9309072) **1.05** Endsleigh League Football Extra (9840633) **1.50** Sport AM (8213701) **2.45** Hot Wheels (7441701) **3.10** The Beat (7553966) **4.05** Jobfinder (6505188) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (42530)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89877671) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (53441497) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9086497) **5.55** Calendar (293652) **6.30-7.00** Chatsworth (565) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (998213) **10.40** On the Edge (270213) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (348294) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (376923) **12.35am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (9309072) **1.05** The Writing on the Blotting Paper (770017) **2.40** The New Music (9498679) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (2068091) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (5443627)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (92213) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (20403) **9.30** Ysgolion (204923) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (44039) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith (61294) **1.00** Trumpton (95300) **1.30** Scotland's Larder (60565) **2.00** I'll See You in My Dreams (3126) **4.00** Waterways (478) **4.30** Batman (590) **5.00** 5 Pump: Cracabant (9868316) **5.15** 5 Pump: Syth 94 (8251584) **5.30** Fifteen To One (942) **6.00** Newyddion (941381) **6.20** Heno (276010) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1671) **7.30** Sgorio (32923) **8.30** Newyddion (6126) **9.00** Taro Naw (2890) **9.30** Frasier (54058) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (908381) **10.55** The American Football Big Match (5959039) **12.15am** Desmond's (24072) **12.45** Lonely Planet: Brazil (28343)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (55140818) **8.40** Cartoons (6848749) **9.30** Card Sharks (9576836) **9.55** Concentration (9584855) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2230294) **10.30** New Candid Camera (88497) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (15132) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (79749) **12.30pm** E Street (82132) **1.00** Falcon Crest (97687) **2.00** Hart to Hart (92749) **3.00** Class of '96 (8430923) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (1798871) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2132) **6.00** Gamesworld (8045) **6.30** Spellbound (8497) **7.00** E Street (3681) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5381) **8.00** Adventures of Brisco County Jr (32774) **9.00** Melrose Place (49010) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (58497) **11.00** David Letterman (286565) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (298519) **12.45am** Barney Miller (86343) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (82256)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (1379565) **9.30** Worldwide Report (96958) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (89045) **2.30** Roving Report (5958) **3.30** The Book Show (5313) **6.00** Littlejohn (30215) **8.00** News and Business (30316) **9.10** CBS 60 minutes (210316) **11.30** CBS News (84774) **12.30am** ABC News (98527) **1.10** Littlejohn (1190633) **2.30** Roving Report (25898) **3.30** The Book Show (20350) **4.30** CBS News (38696) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (26898)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2839132) **10.00** Conrack (1974): Drama (90720) **12.00** Six Weeks (1982): Weepie (99652) **2.00pm** The Pad (1966): Sex farce (747010) **3.45** Khartoum (1966): Historical drama (65365045) **6.00** Christopher Columbus: The Discovery (1992): Historical drama (63213) **8.00 Running Mates** (1992): Comedy (39958) **10.00 Timebomb** (1991): Thriller (466911) **11.40 The Last of His Tribe** (1992): True story (539010) **1.20am** The Honkers (1972): Modern Western (838459) **3.00 Dying to Love You** (1993): Chiller (53701) **4.30-6.00 The Pad:** As 2pm (82985)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Enemy Below (1957): Adventure (24749) **8.00 Legend of the Lost** (1957): Adventure (29294) **10.00-12.00 Nico** (1988): Cops and robbers (96749)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Captive City (1952): Vintage thriller (59855) **8.00 Bugs Bunny Superstar** (1975): Tribute (36911) **10.00 A Child Is Waiting** (1963): Drama (94560) **12.00 The Big Street** (1942): Drama (97234) **2.00pm You Must Be Joking!** (1965) (44519) **4.00 Bugs Bunny Superstar** As 8am (9478) **6.00 Katy Meets the Aliens** Sci-fi (65584) **7.30** UK Top Ten (1519) **8.00 Lorenzo's Oil** (1992): Weepie (12742520) **10.15 Scent of a Woman** (1992): Comedy (86205855) **12.50am Shining Through** (1992). Spy story (70895701) **3.00-5.30 Until the End of the World** (1991): Drama (2680188)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Watersports (91720) **8.00** World Sport (65687) **8.30** American Sports (15010) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (27233) **10.00** The Big League (94687) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (68774) **12.30pm** Super Sunday (13836) **2.30** Ladies' Golf (63687) **3.30** NBA Basketball (4861) **4.00** Speed and Beauty (7768) **4.30** Windsurfing (6652) **5.00** WWF Mania (4132) **6.00** Soccer News (663126) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (651381) **6.30** Fishing (8497) **7.00** Football: Coventry v Ipswich (8210768) **11.00** Soccer News (303381) **11.15** Fishing (139652) **11.45** Sky Sports Classics (480519) **12.00-2.00am** Football: Coventry v Ipswich (76966)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (98126) **9.00** Tennis (30923) **11.00** Eurofun (51958) **12.00** Indycar (19942) **1.00pm** Motorcycling (91590) **2.00** Touring Car (27403) **3.00** Volleyball (22749) **4.30** Nascar (18107) **5.30** Football (60590) **7.30** News (8749) **8.00** Speedworld (81010) **9.00** Nascar (74774) **10.00** Boxing (77861) **11.00** Football (11294) **12.30am** Eurogolf Magazine (93742) **1.30-2.00** Eurosport News (12362)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations (5871855) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5038126) **1.00** Dive Miami (6913836) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5037497) **2.00** American Adventurer (5315768) **2.30** To the Ends of the Earth, Part Two (8214403) **3.30** Travel Destinations (6309749) **4.00** Dive Miami (6311584) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6317768) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5399720) **5.30** To the Ends of the Earth, Part Two (2038358) **6.30** American Adventurer (6312213) **7.00** Travel Destinations (5319584) **7.30** Around the World (6318497) **8.00** Travel Guide (4439229) **9.00** Canary Islands (9820403) **9.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (5114590) **10.00** Golf in Paradise (5872584) **10.30** Travel Destinations (5864132) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9738720) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (6046768)



Heather Locklear in Melrose Place (Sky One, 9.00 pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5878768) **8.30** Peyton Place (5877039) **9.00** As the World Turns (2138958) **10.00** Guiding Light (9967756) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9062300)

TLC
9.00am Painting (7955565) **9.30** Simply Delicious (1415768) **10.00** Private Lives (4896126) **10.30** Behind Closed Doors (1306923) **11.30** Somebody's Children (5608836) **12.00** Real Life (7046229) **12.30pm** Class by Class (1419584) **1.00** Simply Delicious (5486519) **1.30** Painting (1418855) **2.00** Talking Heads (1785836) **2.30** Youth Express (8053738) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1797671) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (3003233)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (8585107) **7.30** Neighbours (8597942) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9035584) **8.30** EastEnders (9034855) **9.00** The Bill (8025107) **9.30** One by One (5739010) **10.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (88323836) **11.35** The Sullivans (19008300) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9038671) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1426316) **1.00** EastEnders (8584478) **1.30** The Bill (1425687) **2.00** George and Mildred (8148381) **2.30** Man About the House (9978565) **3.00** Knots Landing (3139316) **4.00** Dynasty (3045923) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2306039) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (4257497) **5.55** Terry and June (6291300) **6.30** EastEnders (9068774) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (6336519) **8.00** Life Without George (8231045) **8.30** Man About the House (8147652) **9.00** Tenko (6325403) **10.00** The Bill (9038300) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1400316) **11.15** Call Me Mister (4440720) **12.20am** Dr Who (6459409) **12.50** Gangsters (7765492) **1.50** Shopping at Night (89306459)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4174861) **6.15** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (884045) **6.45** Casper and Friends (3314381) **7.25** Garfield and Friends (1029381) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (5121107) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2046720) **8.40** Tilou (8323519) **8.50** Cocoonel (8312403) **9.00** Its Drobse Time (24923) **10.00** Christopher Crocodile (71855) **11.00** Kitty Cats (87107) **11.30** Barney and Friends (98836) **12.00** Ratkan III (46854) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (16067861) **12.40** Garfield and Friends (4271300) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (14214942) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54449942) **1.50** Tilou (54445126) **2.00** Baber (1687) **2.30** Twinkle the Dream Being (9958) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3172010) **3.10** Around the World in Eighty Seconds (5518010) **3.45** The Bots Master (403229) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1136045) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (6294)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (63749) **7.30** Grimmy (3484942) **7.45** Rugrats (158652) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (6303300) **8.30** Stimer and the Real Ghostbusters (82300) **9.00** Nick Jr (252855) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (66316) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (27251) **1.00** Doug (56720) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (77792) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (9687) **2.30** Smoggies (7958) **3.00** Stimer and the Real Ghostbusters (5284) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (2403) **4.00** Grimmy (8010) **4.30** Rugrats (4294) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (7039) **5.30** Doug (1774) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (8687) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (6039)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Crawl Into My Parlour (9063687) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries (9989671) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8233403) **5.30** The New Explorers (9970923) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1336749) **7.00** Paramedics (8157039) **7.30** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (9980300) **8.00** Connections 2 (8239687) **8.30** Alligators (8145294) **9.00** Disappearing World (6323045) **10.00** Search for Adventure (6326132) **11.00** Secret Weapons (3044294) **11.30-12.00** Spirit of Survival (3395381)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: My Teenage Daughter (1956): Comedy (3486687) **2.00pm** The Avengers (3394652) **3.00** My Three Sons (8152584) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (9975478) **4.00** FILM: The Truth About Spring (1964): Romance (8156300) **6.00** Get Smart (8060590) **6.30** Cannon (6980010) **7.30** The Invisible Man (9984126) **8.00** The Avengers (6234107) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3132403) **9.30** FILM: The Day it Came to Earth (1979). Sci-fi (3648132) **11.30-12.00** The Rat Patrol (3399107)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (9516855) **8.00** Fighting Back (7950010) **8.30** Women Mean Business (7959381) **9.00** Masterchef (7061652) **9.35** Definition (4330132) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4881294) **10.30** Susan Powter (7042045) **11.00** Young and Restless (3874584) **11.55** The Look (2486774) **12.30pm** Practical Living (34097497) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (4716316) **1.30** On the House (1403923) **2.00** Agony Hour (4882923) **3.00** Jayne's Living Magazine (2411313) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46004923) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2758346) **4.30** Definition (57589958) **4.55** Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery (3532381) **5.30** Kate and Allie (7808890) **6.00** Susan Powter (6960923) **6.30** Musquest (1308805) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (4522403) **8.00** Young and Restless (4435923) **9.00** FILM: Victor/Victoria (1982): Sex farce about a woman pretending to be a man pretending to be a woman (8400958) **11.30-12.00** Material World (4887478)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (9039) **5.30** Jeux Sans Frontieres (72233) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (8039) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5403) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (7923) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (21652) **9.00** Moonlighting (14316) **10.00** Catchphrase (98313) **10.30** GP (14923) **11.00** Lou Grant (72584) **12.00** Rhoda (96895) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (87695) **1.00** Catchphrase (52427) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (36966) **2.00** Moonlighting (81409) **3.00** Lou Grant (29966) **4.00** Rhoda (53237) **4.30-5.00** Mighty Jungle (10430)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (96671) **7.30** The Grind (57229) **8.00** Awake on the Wildside (43107) **9.00** VJ Ingo (978861) **12.00** Soul (31132) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (44652) **2.00** Afternoon Mix (947126) **4.30** Coca-Cola Report (9249849) **4.45** Cinematic (8794854) **5.00** News (7364132) **5.15** 3 From 1 (4802652) **5.30** Dial MTV (5132) **6.00** Hit List UK (22381) **8.00** Greatest Hits (23010) **9.00** Unplugged with Nirvana (16774) **10.00** The Real World 3 (96331) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (76381) **11.00** Coca-Cola Report (956497) **11.15** Cinematic (939720) **11.30** News (930584) **11.45** 3 From 1 (935039) **12.00** The End? Featuring The Grant Brothers (10324) **2.00am** Soul (81427) **3.00** The Grind (28459) **3.30** Night Videos (380072)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (7363377) **9.00** Café (1925045) **12.00** The Bridge (6851403) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best. Weather (6827671) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8216861) **3.30** Into the Music (7246768) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5111403) **7.00** For You (4359039) **8.00** Album Chart (4435403) **10.00** The Bridge (2134132) **11.30** VH-1 To 1 John Hiatt (8048126) **12.00** The Nightfly (5387459) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1625275) **3.00** Album Chart (3336966) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (8660072)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (99749) **7.00** Asian Morning (21590) **8.30** Bunyaad (20584) **9.00** Movie: Behan Bhai (970229) **12.00** Pakistani Movie (53300) **1.00pm** Hindi Movie (890519) **4.00** Kiddie Time (4836) **4.30** TVA and You (52565) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (7300) **7.00** Pakistani Drama (85836) **8.00** English News (6923) **8.30** India Business Report (8958) **9.00** Hindi Movie (621316) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (159188) **1.35** Sight and Sound

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Surveys show recovery is slowing down

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A SPATE of business confidence surveys will today add to mounting evidence that Britain's economic recovery is slowing.

The studies, published on the eve of this week's Tory conference in Bournemouth, will provide ammunition for those questioning the half-point rise in interest rates ordered last month by the Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

A forecast by economists of the Ernst & Young Item club, out today, says base rates, currently at 5.75 per cent, will rise to "no more than 7 per cent" next year because the economy is already slowing.

A survey of the financial services industry, conducted by the Confederation of British Industry and accountants Coopers & Lybrand, found that although confidence strengthened in September for the eighth successive quarter, the rate of improvement was the lowest in two years.

Meanwhile, the quarterly "state of trade" survey from the Building Employers' Confederation, showed that in construction the recovery remains fragile and uneven.

Sir Brian Hill, the BEC chairman, said: "The rise in interest rates and stagnant, and in some areas ... falling, house prices are linked to continuing fears about employment prospects."

This was damaging consumer confidence and preventing any "feel good" factor, even though office building had picked up "sharply" and a majority of firms expected to increase output over the coming 12 months.

A survey by the Reed employment agency shows that firms are responding to the upturn in demand by taking on temporary, rather than permanent, staff.

And the Finance and Leasing Association reports that demand growth had started to slacken in August, before the latest rate rise. With new car purchases stripped out, the rise, at 29 per cent, was down on previous months. David Hardisty, chairman of the FLA, said the Government had "put up rates when confidence was still too shaky".

Sudhir Junankar, the CBI's economic analyst, said there were increasing indications that the pace of recovery was slowing. "We are picking up some similar signs in terms of the growth of manufacturing," he said. "We have also seen the same trend in the growth of retail spending."

He said it was "a possibility" that the economy was moving back to a more sustainable rate of growth as the recovery reached maturity.

The financial services survey, conducted among 238 organisations accounting for more than half of all employment in the sector, showed big variations between markets. Building Societies said business conditions remained tough, and a weak upturn in housing market activity earlier in the year had fizzled out. Life insurers also reported falling levels of business.

Banks, however, are buoyant. Rising volumes of business are being accompanied by a rapid improvement in profitability. And despite the recent decline in the FT-SE 100 index and profit warnings from two leading merchant banks, securities traders reported good business and optimism about future prospects.

Mr Junankar said: "The survey shows clearly that financial services companies are now consolidating the advances ... that have been seen over the past year."

The Item Club forecast says that although the UK economy will grow by over 3.5 per cent this year, this will slow to around 2.75 per cent in 1995 and to 2.5 per cent in 1996. Interest rates should rise but to no more than 7 per cent.

Paul Droop, the Item Club chief economist, said: "The current strong boost from export growth will peter out over the second half of 1994 as European markets expand modestly out of recession, while manufacturing investment will be restrained by companies' uncertainty over demand growth and their desire to further reduce indebtedness."

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Danger, falling prices: Sir Brian Hill believes job and interest rate fears are undermining the UK housing market

US chain launches Body Shop rival in UK

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ONE of America's leading retailers makes its debut in Britain this week, marking the start of a new invasion of overseas companies on the British high street.

The Limited, the largest specialist clothing retailer in the US with sales of more than $7 billion, has teamed up with Next in a 50:50 joint venture to launch Bath & Body Works, its chain of cosmetics and toiletries stores.

Three stores are set to open on Friday with a further two outlets due to start trading by the end of the month. The first sites will be in Edinburgh, Derby, Watford, Milton Keynes and Nottingham. If they prove successful The Limited is eager to roll-out the format across the country.

Bath and Body Works is already hugely popular in the US. The chain was created less than four years ago but now has about 220 stores nationwide and achieves operating margins of about 20 per cent — substantially higher than most British retailers.

The chain will compete directly with the Body Shop as well as with Boots. The store ambience and products are similar to those of the Body Shop, and The Limited insists it will be price competitive with the chain, which it sees as its main rival. The development comes at a difficult time for the Body Shop whose green credentials have been under fire in recent months.

The opening of Bath & Body Works is The Limited's first foray outside of US. The group also owns Victoria's Secret, Lane Bryant, Abercrombie & Fitch and Henri Bendel.

Its arrival coincides with the opening of Warner Brothers' flagship store in London's Regent Street on Wednesday. The American company, which is a $5 billion subsidiary of Time Warner, already has nine outlets in Britain and plans a chain of 25 outlets within the next two or three years.

The arrival of Warner Bros and The Limited is expected to be followed by that of other US retail giants such as Kmart, Home Depot and WalMart. These companies are anxious to follow in the footsteps of groups such as Toys R Us, The Gap and Staples who have already established successful chains in this country.

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Poorer families suffer most from inflation

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INCOMES would need to have risen 3.1 per cent over the year to August to keep pace with inflation, a study published today by the Reward Group says.

Poorer families have faced steep increases in living costs, with an average 6.9 per cent rise in rents added to the 8.2 per cent rise in payments for fuel. Food prices have also risen an average 3.4 per cent, while tobacco has gone up an average of 7.2 per cent, Reward says.

However, stable interest rates have limited rises in housing costs for mortgage payers, pegging the overall increase to 2 per cent.

Severe competition among manufacturers and retailers has caused a 1 per cent fall in the cost of durable household goods. Drink prices have risen just 1 per cent on average, and transport costs have gone up just 1.1 per cent. However, the cost of services has typically risen 2.4 per cent, the survey shows.

Big variations, from one region of the country to another, in the cost of living combine with a variations in salary levels and housing costs so that families' experience of inflation varies.

House prices in Scotland rose 6 per cent on avarage, Reward says, pricing a typical three-bedroom semi-detached home at £56,825. In London, a comparable house went up 4.3 per cent to £104,025. But in Yorkshire and Humberside, the price of a typical family home would have been virtually unchanged at £54,175.

Greater London remained the most expensive area of Britain in which to live. Thurso, in northern Scotland, was the cheapest.

The cost of living in London is typically 17.9 per cent above the national average, but the salary of a typical middle manager in the capital is 18.9 per cent higher than average.

In terms of quality of life, measured according to the difference between incomes and living costs, Scots enjoy the highest standards. Londoners come second, but those in the West Midlands are worst off.

Oil traders keep wary eye on Gulf

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

OIL traders will be watching nervously for news from the Gulf when the markets open this morning after ending last week relatively relaxed, despite the surprise build-up of Iraqi troops on Kuwait's border.

The price of the benchmark Brent blend crude for November delivery hit a peak of $17.32 on London's International Petroleum Exchange on Friday afternoon, as first reports of the Iraqi moves were confirmed. However, it closed at $16.70, down 7 cents on the day, as traders took profits before the weekend. The same pattern was seen later on the New York market.

Oil sector analysts said at the weekend that Iraq's defiance of the United Nations would help to underpin oil prices in the long term, because it was likely to delay the lifting of the ban on Iraqi oil exports.

But the chances of serious disruption to world oil supplies is considered minimal, even though the experts recognise that Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president, is always capable of the unpredictable.

The early build up of western forces in support of Kuwait, in contrast to the slow response when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, is also expected to calm the market's fears about any large fall in oil supplies that would propel prices sharply higher.

Hussein Shamma, assistant managing director of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Executive, said yesterday that his country's oil supplies were proceeding normally. Kuwait is now back to producing 2 million barrels of oil a day after the Gulf War disruption.

Some analysts believe that Iraq still has the capability to fire missiles into Kuwait and that a successful strike against key oil installations would cause immediate alarm in the market. Other producers, led by Saudi Arabia, could, however, quickly fill any shortfall in supplies.

Lottery to have extra prizes

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE chances of winning a major prize in the National Lottery are to be significantly increased, with the announcement, expected today, of a whole new raft of prize levels.

In a move that will surprise observers, Camelot Group is understood to have added a special bonus number to the six numbers that will feature in the weekly National Lottery draw. Players who pick five numbers plus the bonus could win up to £100,000.

The move will fill a sizeable gap in the range of prizes offered and adds a welcome touch of spice in the run-up to the National Lottery launch.

Full details are expected to be disclosed today. Camelot is also expected to announce the date on which lottery tickets will go on sale.

Players will pay £1 a ticket for a punt on the National Lottery, which is to be launched in a glittering extravaganza on BBC television on November 19. Anyone who chooses three out of six numbers correctly will win £10. Four numbers could win £65, five might win £1,500, and six will hit the jackpot — anything between £2 million and £8 million depending on whether the top prize rolls over.

The new scenario is likely to add a seventh "bonus" number, creating the new £100,000 prize level. Lotteries overseas often rely on bonus numbers to make draws more exciting and increase the odds of winning a substantial prize.

Prizes of more than £1,000 must be claimed from one of 11 National Lottery regional offices, details of which were unveiled last week. At least two large supermarket chains have asked to pay out prizes of up to £500 in cash. Most of the small corner shops that will sell the bulk of tickets need only pay up to £75 in cash.

Some 10,000 shops, supermarkets, garages and post offices are being equipped to sell lottery tickets. Camelot will test its systems in a series of "play-days" for retailers at the end of this month and early in November.



EC ponders Bull subsidy conditions

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

The European Commission will this week decide in principle what conditions it will attach to a Fr11 billion capital injection into Bull, France's loss-making state-controlled computer group.

The French government has declared its intention to sell its 88 per cent stake in Bull, along with the state-owned France Télécom, at some time. But reports circulating in Paris at the weekend said that Karel van Miert, the European competition commissioner, will demand Bull is privatised before the end of next year as a condition of the capital injection.

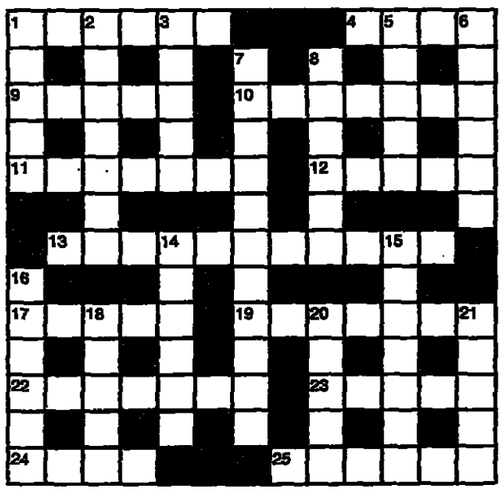
The Commission's approval of further state support for Air France, the troubled national carrier, has provoked the British Government and a number of European airlines, including British Airways, to open legal action against Brussels' subsidy decision.

Any serious setbacks over aid for Bull would create fresh difficulties for Edouard Balladur, France's Prime Minister, whose privatisation timetable already faces difficulties over huge losses at a number of state companies, and allied political scandals.

Mr van Miert is said to be in favour of the capital injection for Bull, but could demand capacity cuts as a condition. Other commissioners are understood to want conditions to be tough.

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ACROSS

1 Illusion of the past repeating (4,2)
4 One's is another's gain (4)
9 Heathen (5)
10 Obtainable (of book) (2,5)
11 Native of Greece (7)
12 One sure to fail/die (5)
13 Informal, relaxed (4,3,4)
17 Panic; type of clock (5)
19 Effective (7)
22 First Russian spacecraft (7)
23 Entrench oneself (3,2)
24 Stupefied, shocked state (4)
25 Academic qualification (6)

DOWN

1 Profundity (5)
2 Vein, gone for by the ruthless (7)
3 Location of meeting (5)
5 Mythical hunter; constellation (5)
6 Entertainment poking fun (6)
7 Mutual compromise (4,3,4)
8 Maximum distance of Moon (6)
14 Edgar's treacherous brother (*Lear*) (6)
15 Dirty laugh (7)
16 Failed to bid (6)
18 Astir (of busy bee) (5)
20 Masonic group (5)
21 Artistic category (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 287

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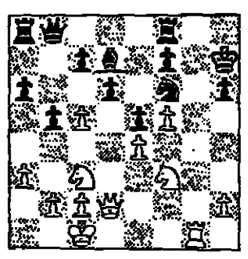
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Hartston - Richardson, Westergate 1983. White has sacrificed a rook to open lines against the black king. How did he conclude his attack?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KELLY

a. To snooker
b. A betting-system
c. To remove topsoil

KRENG

a. An edible seaweed
b. The carcass of a whale
c. Unsatisfactory

KREPLACH

a. A small dough dumpling
b. An Armenian soothsayer
c. Porous footwear

CHAMPERTY

a. Bogus Bubbly
b. An illegal bargain
c. Medieval pasturage

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